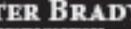


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The Susanna Foo and its crew make one last trip to wrap up the 2014 dragon boat season. See story on page 15.

## Harcourt Park blocks election canvassing

By Matthew Desrosiers  
 Editor

Dysart et al Ward 3 candidate Tammy Donaldson believes her opponent in the race is receiving an unfair advantage in the election.

In a letter sent to The Highlander titled Democracy: The main election issue in Ward 3, Donaldson said candidates out of Harcourt Park have an advantage over other candidates who live outside of the park.

Harcourt Park is a private cottage community located in Ward 3. It includes 18 lakes and 600 properties that are individually leased. The park is private property.

In her letter, Donaldson said park residents make up more than 50 per cent of eligible voters in Ward 3. Because of that, she said the park is able to place their representatives on Dysart et al council for Ward 3. Steve Pogue, current Ward 3 candidate, is a resident of Harcourt Park.

Donaldson's opponent, Bill Sinclair, is a member of the Harcourt Park board of directors.

"A line of separation has been created between Harcourt Park and the rest of the ward," she wrote. "I perceive this line needs to be eliminated for Ward 3 to attain equal and fair representation across the entire ward, and to gain a presence and to be heard in council at the county level."

The letter was drawn up after Donaldson was denied permission to canvass in

Harcourt Park. According to her letter, she was invited by some park residents to canvass. However, after entering the park, she was later told to stop canvassing.

"The Harcourt Park board president, [Sandy Weeks], advised me and all other Ward 3 candidates that we are not permitted to canvass in the park," she wrote. "What kind of representative would I be if I simply accepted their position, folded up my tent and went home?"

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## Park bylaws to be reviewed for next election

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She said the park's privacy bylaws should not include election campaigning.

"I highly doubt the intention of such legislation is to deny election candidates access to 55 per cent of the ward, or to deny 55 per cent of the ward access to their candidates," she wrote. "By not permitting candidates to canvass inside the park, Harcourt Park members are denied the opportunity to communicate with candidates, to become informed and educated, and candidates are unable to receive valuable input from Harcourt Park members."

However, Weeks said candidates are permitted in the park, provided they are invited by guests to speak with that guests.

"If any of our members want her to come in to chat and meet, she can come in under the guest passes," she said. "Tammy [Donaldson] has had access to the park to come in and have signs on lots. [She] has more signs than our other candidate, who just happens to be from Harcourt Park."

"We're keeping him completely out of it because the rules are the rules."

Weeks said Donaldson was canvassing in the park for three days before it came to the board's attention. In that time, the candidate left promotional materials at several cottages.

"She's done it for three days and left her material all over the park in vacant cottages. People aren't there. They may be up for a weekend or they may not, but mostly they're empty cottages. ... Her literature is going to sit there until next spring, summer, fly around and be garbage. That's a concern for us. Now our security guards will have to go around and

pick up her literature."

Because most residents are seasonal, Weeks said the best way to reach them would have been through mail-outs. She said after nominations closed, the park sent out an email to residents advising them of who both candidates were, and encouraging them to get out and vote.

Weeks said there is no favouritism in Harcourt Park for one candidate over another.

"All of a sudden, it's becoming that we're the bad guys," she said. "All we're trying to do is what's right for all candidates. If Tammy [Donaldson] is the best person and ends up winning, we'll work with her. We want it to be a constructive relationship."

But Weeks said respect is a two-way street.

"She wants rights [to canvass] and won't respect others' rights [to privacy]."

Donaldson doesn't believe the majority of park residents want to keep her away. She wrote in her letter that she is sympathetic to Harcourt Park members who, as a result of the bylaws, won't have access to their candidates.

"It's unlikely that most park members are even aware the implication and implementation of these bylaws by the board during an election continues to provide an unfair advantage to the park's candidate and overrides the democratic process," she wrote.

While the park's bylaws prohibit canvassing and solicitation, Weeks said in light of the events in this election, they have sent the bylaws to be reviewed by a lawyer.

"For the next election, things will be different," she said.



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### Helping turtles cross the road

Construction is underway on County Road 1 near Gelert on the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's turtle barrier. When complete, the barrier, 275 metres on either side of the road, will route turtles through a road culvert rather than over the road's surface.

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## New equipment for Minden Hills fire service

The Minden Hills fire department has just purchased new equipment totalling approximately \$12,000. According to fire chief Doug Schell, the department acquired several pieces of equipment that include a new set of hydraulic cutters for the department's vehicle extrication tools and a rescue raft. Schell reported the purchases were made using funds raised at the firefighters' ice fishing derby, Canada Day beef-on-a-bun fundraising events, and donations that have been received over the past year or two.

Pictured above: The Minden Hills fire department displays its new equipment.

## Visitor information centre aces mystery review with 96 per cent

**By Lisa Harrison**  
Contributing writer

The county's Visitor Information Centre is serving county tourism well, according to a mystery shopper review.

The review of the centre on Highway 35 in Minden was conducted July 7 for the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) by Braymark Services Inc. of Grimsby.

The centre received an interior makeover this year that was finished in time for the Canada Day weekend.

The shoppers gave the centre's exterior/interior environment a score of 94 per cent. The service delivery process received 100 per cent, knowledge of regional tourism products and services received 89 per cent, and employee attitudes and presentation received 100 per cent for a total score of 96 per cent.

Scores were based on criteria such as location, cleanliness and good repair, accessibility, website ease of use and accuracy, and staff attitudes, service, recommendations and passion about the region.

The shoppers wrote that the washroom could have been a little cleaner but all other comments were positive.

"The staff member was very friendly and quite informative," the shoppers reported.

"We were given directions to downtown Minden and a great store to purchase home furnishings. The staff member's choice for dining was excellent. We were genuinely thanked and wished happy travels."

OHTO is one of 13 regional tourism organizations created by the Ontario government to increase tourism in the province. It covers a large portion of eastern Ontario, including Haliburton County.

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# Editorial opinion

## At your service

Sheila lives in Highlands East. She's a single mother of three and a former nurse-turned personal support worker, helping those in her community that can't quite get by on their own.

She's also a volunteer firefighter.

When her emergency pager goes off, Sheila bursts into action. Whether she's just finished a long, hard day, or she's sound asleep in the early hours of the morning, she jumps into her boots and is often one of the first firefighters at the hall, ready to go deal with an emergency.

She's smart, eager, willing and able to help in just about any situation – from using a defibrillator to revive a patient (she's done that) to battling an intense fire. There's really nothing Sheila can't, or won't, do to help someone in need.

But it's during medical calls that Sheila really shines.

When Sheila enters a patient's home, she does so respectfully and confidently. Often she knows them by name, and her easy manner and skill have helped patients – and other firefighters – through many difficult situations.

Back at the fire hall, Sheila keeps everyone smiling. She likes to joke around, but she can also be serious when it's necessary. She looks out for her fellow firefighters – her family – especially after particularly difficult calls. Sheila knows when they need to talk, when they need time to themselves; she knows when a joke is appropriate, or when a squeeze on the shoulder will do.

She's as easy going as anyone you'll meet, but can be hard as iron when she needs to be.

Sheila epitomizes what it means to

be a firefighter in Haliburton County, and she's the reason I joined.

I met her at a car accident during my first winter in the Highlands. It was late at night, cold, and she was standing there holding a traffic sign – flagging, it's called. Flagging isn't the most glamorous job, but it's very important to secure the scene of an emergency.

She was standing there, clearly suffering in the cold, but she was happy to be helping make sure the people involved in that crash, and the emergency crews on scene, were safe. She was doing her part and she was happy at that. By the end of our conversation that night, she had given me the confidence to visit the fire hall on a training night. I was hooked and joined two months later.

That was almost two years ago. Since then, Sheila and I have become like family. She's taught me a lot, both during training and at emergency scenes. I've learned how to be a good community volunteer by watching her in action, and I know that I, and the rest of the firefighters in our department, are better for having her with us.

Haliburton County's volunteer fire departments are full of extraordinary people like Sheila. They work hard to make the community a safer place, and give the rest of us a strong example to follow. We're proud to present their work to you in this week's paper.



By Matthew Desrosiers

## Data miming

We hope you found last week's issue scorecards for reeve and deputy reeve municipal candidates helpful in making your voting decisions.

The original intention was to go a bit further than that and provide report cards for each of the municipal councils. We wanted to compare things like income, employment and population between 2010 and 2014 to see how each of our townships is doing and to provide an objective measure of each council's effectiveness.

Sadly it was not possible. The information doesn't exist.

Most statistical information about the county is derived from the Canadian census. The last one was in 2011, nearly four years ago, so current councils would have had little effect if any on those numbers.

Even if you consider 2011 to be close enough, that census is not of much use in Haliburton County. The data are unavailable for two of our four municipalities on a number of key subjects because the federal government eliminated the mandatory long-form census. There weren't enough responses to have a valid survey.

This lack of information makes planning difficult, like sailing across the sea without a map. It's just not possible to get where we're going if we don't know where we are now.

An example of this is a recent study which confirmed the need for seniors' housing but which had to qualify that by saying complete research information wasn't available for over half the population, again due to low response rates

on the now-voluntary long-form census. The study used census data – objective information – to come to a conclusion, but that information is incomplete.

An earlier housing study took the opposite approach and tried to collect subjective information – what people intended to do – from local residents. More reliable and recent data, perhaps, but poor methodology. Everyone says they will stay in their homes forever; few actually can and the decision is often not theirs to make. Their intentions are often irrelevant to what eventually happens.

Of the two housing studies, one was stronger in its local data collection; the other was stronger in its use of objective statistics to reach its conclusions. It's time to merge the science of statistics with the accuracy and insight of local knowledge to produce information we can actually use, starting with an annual economic report for the county.

That might help us determine which claims of which politicians are true. Some say the economy is up, some down. Some warn we're on the edge of oblivion while others see opportunity and growth. With no accurate, authoritative data normalized for this area, we don't know which view is correct and therefore have a great deal of difficulty making decisions and evaluating the success or failure of our policies and politicians.

The truth is not out there. It's right here, waiting to be discovered.



By Bram Lebo

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# Letters to the editor

## Reader picks Casey for deputy

*Dear editor,*

How fortunate we are in Dysart et al to have a choice in our candidates for the upcoming election. As a long time seasonal resident who is making the transition to full-time resident, I love the beauty and charm of our area. I want to see it thrive economically, while being responsible with its natural resources and sensitive to the local culture.

The community radio and newspapers have done a remarkable job of staying neutral while being informative. The on-line broadcasting of the candidates meetings have been very helpful in solidifying my decision. So often in today's world we see politicians being openly critical of their opponent but here, candidates are neighbours and will certainly meet each other in the grocery store or at community events. Consequently, candidates must present their position with consideration and judgment without being callously critical of the opposition.

I see and hear some people who want to keep the status quo, and while change needs to come at a considered and thoughtful pace, I worry that without a new but steady course Haliburton will fall behind and possibilities will be lost. I

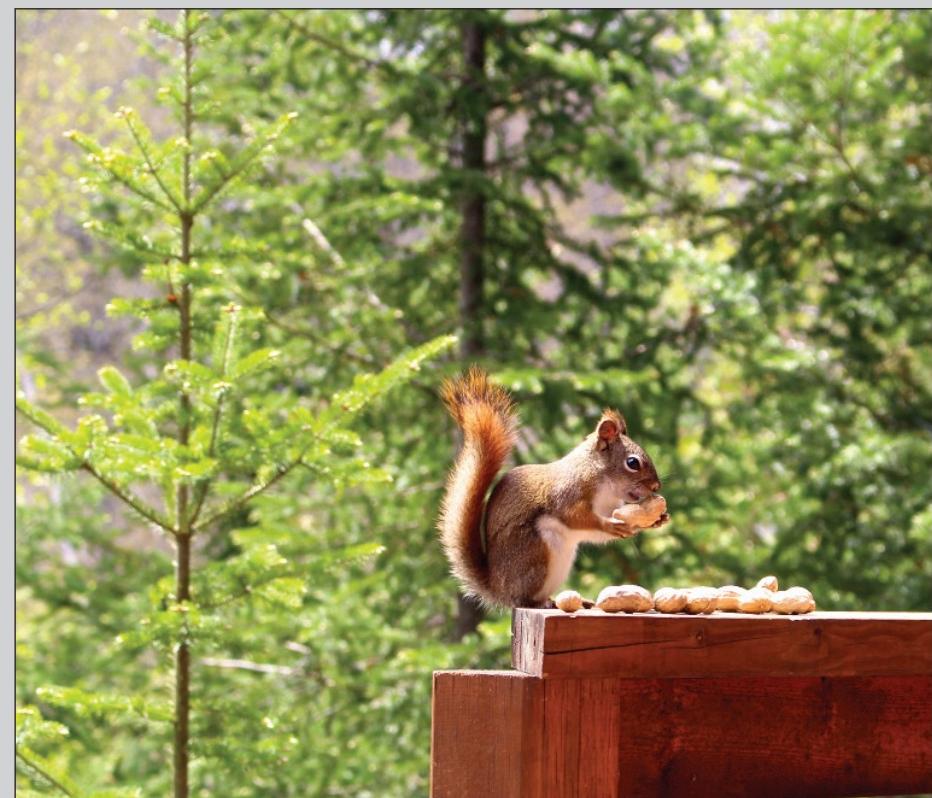
truly believe with creativity and economic insight the area will become stronger. There are so many possibilities here. A place to work and play, to build but also preserve the precious heritage of nature.

After careful consideration I strongly believe Dennis Casey is the person for deputy-reeve. His thoughtful, informed attitude is the perfect fit for the position Dysart et al currently finds itself in. His personal experience navigating the economic challenges of the tourist business and practical expertise in road building, plus his knowledge of environmental responsibilities, prepare him in a unique way for the position of deputy-reeve. He knows the people and the area, caring for both full-time and seasonal residents and their issues of concern. I have found him to be very approachable and willing to listen.

I feel confident of Dennis' sincere and invested desire to build a positive future for Dysart et al. We are being asked to exercise our democratic right to vote. Please inform yourself and dream of the possibilities while considering the present realities.

*Arlene Stiles  
Haliburton*

## Photo of the week



*Photo by Kristel Chalmers*

*It's lunch time.*

**Letters continued on page 6**

## Reid has accomplished a lot in four years

*Dear editor,*

The Minden Times and some councillors, in addition to some local elite letter writers, suggest it's underhanded to inform the out-of-town electorate what the council, led by reeve Barb Reid, accomplished during the 2011-2014 term:

Balanced the books with a positive balance; paved Newcastle Street; paved over the hole that was a feature of the Newcastle-Bobcaygeon Road intersection for 30 years; reduced the speed limit on Minden streets

for greater safety; installed pedestrian lights on Bobcaygeon Road at Archie Stouffer Elementary School for the safety of students and pedestrians; persuaded a doctor to serve Minden Hills; attracted Canadian Tire and Dairy Queen to open stores and also Mark's Warehouse; began construction to move and combine the fire hall and the emergency services to Highway 35; began repairing and repaving Bobcaygeon Road from Newcastle Street to Highway 35, something we've been waiting 30 years for; captured the Kayak races for the 2015 Pan Am Games; attracted

interested investors for seniors housing; and kept the tax rate close to 2013 levels.

There were personal and personnel problems, all of which the elite letter writers would have you believe are the fault of the reeve. Something was being done right.

I'm voting for a reeve who isn't afraid to fight for the improvement and best interests of Minden Hills. Vote with me.

*Ed Braithwaite  
Minden Hills*

## The little room with a view

The lake spread out before me, a frame of red and gold maple leaves giving way to the shimmering waters that reflected the blue skies and cotton wool clouds of a perfect autumn day. A loon, swimming in the distance, called out and somewhere far off another answered. All that needs to happen now is for a doe and fawn to walk into view, I thought.

And then they did. Well OK, they didn't but the scene was so stunning, so special that I imagined they might. Oh how perfect.

I lingered for a moment longer, then stood, wiped, pulled up my pants and wandered back to the camp.

Yes, you guessed it. I was sat on 'the box'. One of those square wooden toilets that are often found a short distance from backwoods campsites. One of those most basic of loos that almost always come with a stunning view. Only in Canada!

I've travelled, from Holland to Hong Kong, Egypt to South Africa, America to Italy, and I've stayed in all kinds of

accommodation, from tents to top class hotels, but nowhere in the world have I been able sit on the john and be awe struck by the splendour of the view like I can here in rural Canada.

Now, I'm sure some of you won't agree with me when I say that we should all love the basic outhouse that we are treated to at many campsites and hunting or fishing camps. And I have to admit that at the wrong time of year they can be quite literally bug-infested hell holes in which the stench is almost overpowering. Then, the only thing to do is 'go quickly', pull up your pants (trousers in my case) and get out of there ASAP. But, visit one when the bugs aren't around and with luck you can spend a few quiet minutes in tranquil meditation, in harmony with nature as you do what comes naturally. There is nothing more relaxing for mind and bowels!

This phenomenon is somewhat new to me, as are all things Canadian (yes, I am still getting used to stuff here, even after a few years) and initially I was horrified at

the thought of taking a poop while sitting on a wooden box in the middle of a forest. What if someone was watching? The fact that the very first time I used said 'box' I was on an island, on which I knew that only my lovely wife and I inhabited, made no difference. There were squirrels and chipmunks, moose and heavens forbid bears that might come baling out of the bush at any moment while I was trying to push one out. The very thought of being interrupted from my business by a passing raccoon was enough to make me pucker up and hold on for a couple of days.

Now I have come to realize that even if there is an abundance of wildlife just around the corner, no bear, beaver or coyote wants to tangle with a fellow while he's 'on the box'. The critters do their business discreetly in the woods and they are more than happy to let us be should we need to 'take a moment' out there too. If, however, a squirrel does come a-calling, I'll happily entertain a chat just so long as he stays away from my nuts.

## TheOutsider



**By Will Jones**

You see, I've come to appreciate the finer aspects of one of the simpler things in life and I now sit back and relax... Well, maybe hunch forward a little and relax (sitting back makes the business end of my visit more difficult) and take time to appreciate my surroundings. If I'm on a box, that means a whole 360 degrees of natural wonder. If I'm in a backwoods outhouse it means swinging the door wide open – a good tip when using any outhouse, especially in summer – and feast upon the scene before me.

Living in Canada is a world away from my previous life in Blighty, and each week, each day, brings with it new experiences and moments of wonder. Some things are magical from the outset but some things I come to appreciate gradually. Now I can happily say that there's nothing quite like a poo with a view.

# Highlander opinion

## Eye on the street: What did you do for Thanksgiving?



**Jake Venner**

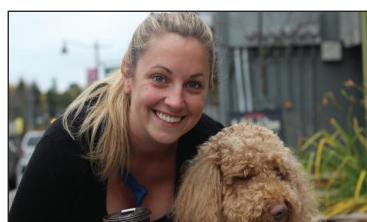
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We had family up and spent time together, raking leaves, socializing, catching up on trips and what people have been doing and had some really good meals.

**Laura Wright**

Wenona Lake

I spent Thanksgiving in Ellicottville, New York, at the fall festival and my husband and I spent the weekend gallivanting around the festival.



**Peter Henlein**

Haliburton

Went to Orillia to see my family. It is always good to see the family and I ate like a pig.

**Rachel Mallott**

Lincolnshire, England

I went to my son-in-law's for a lovely meal. Met lots of in-laws that I had not met before and I even went to West Guilford!



**Raija Harrison**

Howland Junction

Had a great family get-together and we all ate far too much. It was a super day and got to spend it with my immediate family. It was great to have everyone there.

*Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin*

## Forest vital to economy

*Dear editor,*

This past Oct. 6 was the candidate meeting for the reeve and deputy-reeve candidates of Haliburton County.

The recurring themes were economic growth and improvement of the economic well-being of the permanent residents of Haliburton County.

It was disappointing that no one talked about our local forests as an opportunity for an economic driver. Are the local politicians afraid to talk about forestry as part of the economic base? Resource management is of economic value to any community because of its significant multiplier effect as well as the stewardship of the land. The County of Haliburton needs to have a forest resource committee.

Constantly, the tourism sector trumpets our quality landscape as the draw that entices visitors. Why does the County of Haliburton not dedicate more resources to forestry?

The healthy forest landscape is significant in delivering clean healthy water to the lakes and rivers of our community.

What is each of the potential local political leaders' position on forest resource management? This community needs to have leadership that will acknowledge publicly the importance of forestry.

**Godfrey Tyler**  
Forest landowner

## Election guide proves it: no slate in Minden

*Dear editor,*

Like many Minden Hills seasonal residents, I welcomed the new voting process facilitating participation in the 2014 election via Internet or phone.

To vote responsibly, learning about the candidates is important. Local residents had this opportunity at sponsored candidate meetings. For seasonal residents, however, these meetings, held on weekdays, were difficult to attend. And so receiving a mailing from three candidates (Barb Reid, Rick Ashall, and Daryl Moore) was much appreciated. It included their separate brochures and a letter explaining that, for cost and conservation reasons, they combined their materials in one envelope. No other candidates have reached out to me.

While at my cottage on Thanksgiving, I read the local newspapers to further inform myself

on candidates and issues. I am troubled by the focus on whether this combined mailing somehow evidences a voting "slate". It should surprise no one that when candidates pay their own campaign expenses personally, they need to be smart about getting their messages out to as many eligible voters as possible in a cost-effective manner. Rather than inferring sinister motives, why not give these three candidates the kudos they deserve for taking strategic action to address a new voting process designed in part to increase seasonal voter engagement in a creative and cost effective way? Are these not traits that we expect from council members?

For anyone still concerned about this supposed "slate" – look no further than the Highlander 2014 Election Guide (published Oct. 9) for comfort. It shows, for example, that Rick Ashall (candidate for deputy-reeve) ranked just 40 per cent of the posed questions

the same way as did Barb Reid (reeve) – compared with a 60 per cent alignment with each of the other two reeve candidates. How is this indicative of a strategic pact between Mr. Ashall and Ms. Reid?

Of all the candidates, I personally know only Rick Ashall – a 15-year full-time resident on Soyers Lake. In the eight years I have known him, Rick has always shown a keen interest in and sensitivity to challenges facing the township. As a retired financial industry executive now serving in several not-for-profit leadership posts in the township, I have no doubt that if elected as deputy-reeve, Rick Ashall will exercise independent judgment while sharing his expertise in a collaborative way with all council members.

**Kevin Thompson**  
Non-resident elector  
Minden Hills

## Gall gets my vote

*Dear editor,*

Brigitte Gall is just what Minden Hills needs. Her platform is based on inclusiveness and bringing the diverse areas of the township together rather than stressing the differences. She has been a cottager and is now a permanent resident. To be sure, it took her a while to distance herself from the Vision Team, but break away she did.

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residents, working people and seniors. She feels strongly, and rightly so, that this township is vibrant and filled with exciting possibilities.

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Oct 24

7:00 – 9:00 pm, Family Halloween Party, Minden Community Centre. Admission \$1/pp – children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 705-286-1936 ext 204 for info.

Oct 25

4:30 & 6:00 pm, Spaghetti Dinner at the Lochlin Community Centre, 4713 Gelert Rd. \$12/adult, \$8/kids 12 and under, Free for children under 4. Call 705-286-8087 or 705-286-3438 for reservations.

Oct 26

11:00 am – 3:00 pm Minden's Haunted Village Pumpkin carving/painting, activities, games, trick-and-treating and ghost tours. Admission: non perishable food item to donate to the Minden Food Bank.

Oct 27

Municipal Election Day

## Weekly in October

Tuesday's - 7:30 pm, Euchre Night at the Lochlin Community Centre starting Oct 7.

Tuesday's & Sunday's - 12:00 to 2:00 pm

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Wednesday's – 7:00 pm, Euchre Night at the Irondale Community Centre.

Visit [www.mindenhill.ca/calendar/](http://www.mindenhill.ca/calendar/) for details.

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The final stage of the sidewalk work began last week in the Village of Minden.

The anticipated date of completion for all work, including sidewalks and resurfacing is Oct 24, 2014, weather permitting.

## MUSEUM & PIONEER VILLAGE

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This exhibition, in the Sterling Bank building documents 3 fires that destroyed the business on Minden's Main Street in 1879, 1890 and 1942. Included are photos of the 1943 flood and info surrounding the event.

### 30 Years 30 Artifacts

Oct 24

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Minden Hills Museum.

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MHCC Annual Fundraiser for Community Programming Visit this 3 day Christmas Wonderland with themed traditional and decorative Christmas trees, wreaths, gift baskets, garlands, gift certificates, Silver Bell Gift Shop, Sugar Plum Candy Shop, and Santa's Café.

Friday, November 21  
 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 22

10:00 am – 6:00 pm

6:00 pm – 12:00 pm

New this year GLITTER\* (see below for more information)

Sunday, November 23  
 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Admission: Adults \$4 | Seniors \$3 | Youth \$2  
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\*GLITTER Don't miss this special Fundraiser Extravaganza!  
 Sat Nov 22, 6:00 pm – 12:00 pm

The evening includes: Auctions, festivities, signature cocktail, bar and live entertainment provided by the Highlands Opera Theatre. The evening's theme is to 'Wear Your GLITTER' \$35 per person.  
 For tickets to the Festival of Trees and Glitter, call 705-286-3763.  
 Major credit cards accepted.

## AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY

### Sensory

Oct 14 - Nov 15

This group exhibition includes works by artists Edgardo Moreno, Rod Prouse and Jorge Lozano whose art plays upon a number of considerations involving the environment. How do these artists, as new Canadians, look upon our Northern Ontario landscape? To what extent does their use of video and sound installations in the 'Sensory' show stack up against the traditional iconic imagery of established Canadian artists?  
 Oct 18, 1:00 pm - Opening reception and presentation of 'Sensory'

### Photography Juried Exhibition

At the AJG for the month of January 2015. Photos for the exhibition will be juried by Curator Laurie Carmount. This is an opportunity for photographers to show their prowess and creativity with their camera. Entries accepted from Dec. 1 to Dec. 5. Entry forms can be obtained by visiting <http://mindenhill.ca/art-gallery/exhibitions/> or by visiting the gallery at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.

## IN THE COMMON ROOM

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An after-school program focussing on the stewardship of our lakes and waterways.

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### National Film Board Thursdays

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## Call for Committee Members

We are seeking a permanent and seasonal resident to participate in the selection committee for the 2014 Good Neighbour Award.

If interested, please submit your name and contact information to the Administrative Assistant at 705-286-1260 ext 313 or email [sprentice@mindenhill.ca](mailto:sprentice@mindenhill.ca).

Deadline to submit is October 23, 2014 by 12:00 noon.

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For more info, please call Ivan Ingram, Environmental & Property - Operations Manager (705) 286-1260 ext. 216

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# Highlander news



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

HIGHLANDS EAST WARD 3 COUNCILLOR CECIL RYALL ANSWERS A QUESTION DURING THE LATEST ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING.

## Incumbents defend spending at Gooderham meeting

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

HIGHLANDS EAST CANDIDATES gathered for one final all-candidates meeting in Gooderham before election day on Oct. 27.

All candidates were present, with the exception of Ward 2 candidate Adam Szelei who was sick, and Ward 1 incumbent Steve Kauffeldt, who was unable to attend due to his work schedule.

Many of the questions from the floor were in line with previous meetings. Topics included the Green's Mountain project, economic and business development, and OPP costs.

The meeting became heated when one resident challenged Ward 4 candidate Todd Bertram on comments he made at a previous meeting about closing municipal buildings. The resident asked Bertram, in a yes or no question, whether or not he specifically said he wanted to close the Gooderham municipal office.

Bertram said there are surplus

buildings in Highlands East, and those should be sold because the municipality must "fine-tune expenses."

He denied specifically identifying the Gooderham office as a potential building that could be sold. However, Ward 3 incumbent Cecil Ryall stood up and said Bertram had, in fact, made that specific comment.

Reeve candidate Steve Cosentino said selling buildings should definitely be on the table.

"They could be anywhere in the municipality," he said.

However, reeve incumbent Dave Burton said there are 23 municipal buildings, and he will support keeping each and every one.

The majority of the remaining questions were direct challenges to existing councillors, specifically around spending on lawyers and consultants.

Ward 2 incumbent Suzanne Partridge said larger municipalities may keep lawyers and engineers on staff, but Highlands East can't afford to.

"If we need studies done to apply for grants, it has to be an engineer or

environmental study," she said. "If we didn't use lawyers on a fairly regular basis, the municipality would be in very big trouble. We don't have the skills in-house to deal with that sort of thing."

Ward 4 incumbent Joan Barton agreed with Partridge.

"We are all amateurs at what we are doing," she said. "The background of the people in council are very diverse, the way it should be. [When] specific technical questions need to be answered, we have to have them answered correctly."

Burton said council brought in \$5 million in grants.

"We need consultants to bring those grants in. We get more bang for our dollar having those people fill them out for us."

Cosentino said there is another possible solution.

"We're overlooking a huge asset: seasonal residents," he said. "Engineers, lawyers, they like to do volunteer work, too. We could tap into those resources."

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## HCDC leads province with investment portfolio

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Over the past year, the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has been one of the most active organizations of its kind in the province.

According to the organization's executive director Andy Campbell, 10 per cent, or 100 of the 1,000 business loans issued by the 61 Community Futures Development Corporations across rural Ontario can be attributed to HCDC.

"We've been doing this consistently for years and years, and as a result our investment portfolio has grown to be the biggest in Ontario, arguably the biggest in Canada. ..." Campbell told those who attended the 29th annual general meeting on Oct. 8 at the Pinestone Resort.

As an independent, not-for-profit organization, HCDC works in partnership with FedDev Ontario to provide support to businesses, individuals, community groups and local municipalities through loans and a variety of programs.

According to a message from HCDC chair Wendy Gunning, the organization has developed the largest loan portfolio in Ontario at over \$13 million.

One of this year's highlights was the Ontario Self Employment Benefit Program,



Photo by Mark Arike

HCDC director Bill Obee receives a certificate of appreciation from Andrew Hodgson for 9 years of service. Obee retired from his position on the board of the organization.

which helps those who receive Employment Insurance benefits start their own business. HCDC has offered the program for over 20 years for the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

"It really helps them start their business and not have to leave their business to survive for the first little while," said Campbell, who explained that 80 per cent of people who complete the program are still in business five years later.

"I think a lot of it is attributed to the fact that

they have to work with us on a monthly basis, they have to submit reports," he said.

HCDC's investment committee reviewed 136 loans as of March 31. Seven of those were declined and 19 were withdrawn by the applicant. In 2014, 104 loans valued at close to \$5 million were provided to 89 businesses.

Investment manager Tracey Dyson said this number was a bit skewed because it included \$1.6 million in refinanced dollars.

"If you take off the \$1.6 [million] we're at \$3.3 [million], which is pretty much on par with the 2012 numbers," said Dyson.

As a result, 89 new jobs were created in the community and 551 were maintained.

The service sector represents the largest sector with 68 loans valued at close to \$2.9 million.

Since being established in 1985, HCDC has distributed 1,629 loans in Haliburton County totalling over \$61 million.

HCDC vice chair Andrew Hodgson opened the AGM by addressing the growth within the community and the organization's outlook on the future.

"We're really excited about the year that's about to come," said Hodgson.

"I think we would all share that every barometer – or measuring tape that we have – is that Haliburton is on the rise or on the move, and it's going to continue to be a great place to live."

## Signage dilemma for Pan Am Games

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Staff at the Township of Minden Hills are having trouble finding an appropriate location to install signage that will promote next summer's Pan Am Games.

During an Oct. 9 committee-of-the-whole meeting, Mark Coleman, director of community services, told council about the difficulties he has been having in trying to pin down a site along Highway 35.

In his report, which was dated Sept. 26, Coleman noted that a sign could be placed at the site of the new EMS base off Highway 35, or moved onto the right-of-way within nine metres of the paved portion of the property. He stated that while the county does not have a permit for a billboard at this location, they "would be willing to allow the township temporary use of the site provided it would not interfere with the construction identification of the [base]."

However, since he wrote the report it has come to light that this may not be an ideal location for a couple of reasons.

"The construction on-site of the EMS base has erected some fencing which is much closer out to the highway than what we knew about ... which now also impacts or interferes with the visibility and view of potential signage ..." said Coleman.

He said that if a sign were to be installed on

the county property, it could lead to confusion as to what is going on at the site. The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will take a look at the site and determine if there are any other suitable locations along Highway 35, between the tourism office and Horseshoe Lake Road.

The ideal location for a sign, said Coleman, would be at the tourism information centre. He said he contacted tourism director Amanda Ranson, who confirmed that additional signage would not be a possibility due to MTO regulations.

"She's under the understanding that they're maxed out in terms of the total square footage permitted in terms of the tourism office facility. So that doesn't leave us with many options there," he said.

Ward 1 councillor Lisa Schell recommended the possibility of putting signage on a private property across the highway from the tourism centre, if permission was granted by the landowner.

"You would see it if you were stopping at the grocery store, you would see it if you were coming through Highway 35 heading north," said Schell.

Coleman said it would be possible to co-sign a sign permit application with the owner of a private property.

As for the sign itself, Coleman reported that TO2015 would fund a four-by-eight-foot sign. However, both he and roads engineer Roy Haig felt that his would be too small to

be read by motorists on the highway. Instead, he recommended that council approve the purchase of an eight-by-16-foot sign at a cost of about \$2,500, with funds from the economic development reserve if necessary.

Ward 2 councillor Ken Redpath was the only councillor who expressed opposition to spending money on a sign.

Although she wasn't opposed to the purchase, Ward 3 councillor Jean Neville said she wanted to see a running tally of expenses for the 2015 event.

"We keep having things crop up," said Neville.

"Taxpayers are interested in what these things are going to cost."

Ward 1 councillor Brigitte Gall asked for a deadline on the decision, to which Coleman said that Pan Am organizers plan to install signage before frost sets in.

"They have a company that they contract all the signage out to," he said, adding "they're looking for an answer from us as quick as possibly."

Council approved the purchase of a larger sign. Coleman will investigate other locations with the MTO and report back to council at a later date.

This past August, council approved a contribution of \$6,000 to receive matching funds from the IGNITE Ontario grant in support of a torch relay event and other local Pan Am-related activities.

# Highlander arts

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## Annual Studio Tour 'quieter than usual'

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

The work of nearly 40 talented local artists was on display and available for purchase during the 27th annual Haliburton County Studio Tour (HCST).

Held over two weekends (Oct. 4-5 and 11-12), the popular annual tour gave residents and visitors an opportunity to travel to dozens of studios throughout the county and take in the fall colours.

Although it is unknown just how many visitors participated in the event, HCST chairwoman Rose Pearson said that some artists reported a decrease in traffic from previous years.

"I haven't talked to too many people, but I

know that maybe there were fewer people in the county," said Pearson, who saw a total of 600 visitors at her studio.

"The first Saturday was good numbers, but the other three days were quieter than usual," she said.

Pearson said she received a number of positive comments from visitors about the diverse mix of art and the many unique studio spaces. This year's tour included four new stops at the studios of Marty Grycick, Susan MacDonald, April Gates and Tiffany Howe.

The Studio Tour committee will soon meet to review the success of this year's event and discuss plans for 2015. If a decision is made to seek new artists a call will likely go out sometime in November, said Pearson.

Photos by Mark Arike  
Left: Potter April Gates stands with some of her latest creations at her new studio space. Above: Susan MacDonald from Sue Mac Designs proudly presenting her hand felted textures in the barn.

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## Magic Energy

When Rose heard the sound she was surprised and perplexed. Why, she wondered, is the aquarium motor running? All her previous experiences had taught her it should not. As she watched the bubbles gurgling up through the water, she tried to understand what was happening. The fish continued darting between the plants in little bursts of effort, unaware of the mystery in which they swam.

Hydro outages in the country are a fairly regular occurrence. When they happen, even if only for a few seconds, not only do the clocks and microwave flash for attention once the power returns, but Rose's tropical aquarium's motor always needs to be re-started. If she didn't fix it, the fish would eventually die.

But today, for some reason, the usual laws of energy did not seem to take effect. Despite the electricity in the house being off for a quarter hour, the motor was again working without Rose doing anything to help it along.

Dave the electrician had turned off the hydro in Rose's house while he did some particularly tricky work. It was after he had turned the electric breaker back on and Rose was heading for the aquarium in the den that she realized something was different.

In a corner of the room Dave's head was bent down as he concentrated on the task at hand. The watery little motor hummed and chortled away in the opposite corner. "Hey Dave," teased Rose, "you must give off some special energy." He looked up, not understanding. She continued. "That aquarium should still be off but it isn't. There must be something about

you that made it start up again by itself."

Rose was joking. And if she hadn't felt completely comfortable with Dave, she would not have said anything. However his reaction was unexpected. An odd look came over his face followed by a sheepish expression. "Actually," Dave said, "it kind of runs in the family."

At first Rose wasn't sure what she had heard. "What do you mean?" she asked, feeling a tingle pass down her spine. Dave then described past instances that, like the aquarium motor, were difficult to explain.

In 'the old country', his mother had read people's fortunes by looking at the tea leaves in their cups. She had done this at fundraising events around their little village. But one day she saw no future in one woman's cup. Not wanting to alarm the person, she had made up a "fortune".

Unfortunately the woman had suddenly died two days later in an accident. That was the end of the tea leaves readings.

Rose didn't know how to respond to this tale. Dave was not the kind of person to fabricate stories. Quite the opposite, in fact. But he continued. "Sometimes I get a premonition that something is going to happen. Once I was driving on the highway heading into Toronto and something told me to slow down, there was trouble up ahead. It's scary. I don't really like it."

Rose recalled hearing about her cousin who used to walk into a room and throw various devices out of whack. The VCR would start to flash, the satellite dish no longer worked properly and the radio changed

## Down our Road



**By Sharon Lynch**

stations. Then there were the reported courtroom incidents during the trial of mass-murderer Charles Manson when clocks would inexplicably stop. Rose recalled reading about this and wondering how it could be true.

It has been scientifically demonstrated that all living things give off energy. It might go by different names, depending on the cultural context, but Rose knew the world was composed of energy. Just because she couldn't see something, did not mean it did not exist. But she had never been around someone who seemed able to influence the surrounding environment simply by his presence.

As Halloween was approaching it seemed to Rose that the world was preoccupied with the spooky and bizarre. She couldn't remember there being nearly as much attention paid to the day when she was a little trick-or-treater. So it was easy for her to dismiss eerie or inexplicable happenings as silly nonsense, designed to sell more paraphernalia for October 31.

But ghosts and goblins aside, ignoring the vampires and zombies, the witches and resurrected mummies, something had happened in her den when Dave the electrician had been present. Watching her tropical fish circle and weave through the bubbly water Rose wondered if Dave was any good at car repairs.

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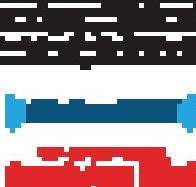
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# Highlander life

## Dragon boaters look to 2015

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Their boat may be fresh out of the water, but the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers are already looking forward to next year's dragon boat season.

Ellie Armstrong, vice chair of the Paddlers, said this year was a great success despite not getting their boat into the water until mid-July.

The group was first exposed to the sport last year, when Jane MacNab brought a dragon boat and coach in from Toronto to try it out.

"We could see we had an interest," Armstrong said. "We determined at that point that we should take the big leap and try to purchase our own boat."

The second-hand boat required some refurbishing, but it was ready for the Paddlers mid-summer.

"We were fortunate to have a local coach, Janine Papadopoulos. She is a local

person and coached previously in New Brunswick."

Approximately 44 members participated in four weekly sessions through the summer.

"We've all improved tremendously," Armstrong said. "We look forward to next summer."

She said hopefully the crew will try going to a festival, or perhaps event host one of their own.

"Those are decisions that still need to be made."

Armstrong said without the help of Patient News, Timber Mart, and Haliburton

RPM, the season wouldn't have been a success.

"We are so indebted to the community for making this happen," she said. "We couldn't have done this on our own. It would have been impossible."

Anyone who is interested in dragon boating next year is invited to contact Jane Boyd at 705-286-4404 or email [jane.boyd@sympatico.ca](mailto:jane.boyd@sympatico.ca).

*We determined at that point that we should take the big leap and try to purchase our own boat.*

**Ellie Armstrong**

vice chair of the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers

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The Haliburton Highlands Paddlers take their boat out for one last trip this season.



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By Mark Arike

## Rotarians donate to Fill the Truck

The Rotary Club of Haliburton has added \$500 worth of non-perishable food items to the Fill the Truck with Food campaign. The food, which amounts to about 500 pounds worth, was purchased at Haliburton Foodland by the club. Rotary Club president David Zilstra and club member Ted Brandon joined Haliburton Foodland owner Brad Park for a presentation at the store on Oct. 10. All food and funds raised through the annual drive will be shared with food banks in Cardiff, Wilberforce, Minden and Haliburton.

Pictured above: From left, Rotary Club president David Zilstra, Haliburton Foodland owner Brad Park and Rotary member Ted Brandon, with \$500 worth of food.

## Truck still filling up

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

The Fill the Truck campaign has raised 16,300 pounds of food for Haliburton County's food banks so far, and that number is growing.

"I am happy," said John Teljeur, Fill the Truck's organizer. "We still keep getting food in, [and are] coordinating where it's got to go. The food banks aren't big to start with, so getting a lot of food at once is tough to handle, but they're making it work."

The campaign began the second week of September and was supposed to wrap up on Oct. 8, but donations have continued to roll in.

"It's great," Teljeur said. "Anytime the community steps up to that degree, it's huge. When you're doing something like this to help people, it doesn't get much better."

The food collected during the campaign is split between the county's food banks, including Minden, Haliburton, Wilberforce and Cardiff. Teljeur said the larger food banks in Minden and Haliburton will go through their share of the food within a month or two. However, Wilberforce and Cardiff food banks will take two or three months to go through all the food collected.

Teljeur said he wasn't sure how much the campaign would raise this year, but he's happy to see the number continues to grow. So far they've raised more than 3,000 pounds of food above last year's total.

"Every year we do this," he said. "You wonder if you can hit last year's numbers. For us to get that much food over and above what we did last year, it blows my mind. It's a happy surprise."

This is the third year of the campaign. Individuals, companies and organizers pledge food throughout the campaign. Volunteers then drive around the county and collect the pledges. Chaulk Woodworking has been with Fill the Truck since the beginning. Teljeur credited them and Haliburton County EMS for making it all happen.

"The paramedics and Chaulk, they gave us the ability to move that much food in one day," he said. "Without their vehicles and help, this doesn't happen."

To date, Fill the Truck has raised almost 41,000 pounds of food.



By Matthew Desrosiers

## Harcourt Park gives \$1K to hospital foundation

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) has received a \$1,000 donation from Harcourt Park. Sandy Weeks, Harcourt Park's president, said every year the organization donates around \$1,000 to HHHSF. To date, they have donated over \$30,000 to the foundation, she said. Pictured here: from left are Sandy Weeks, Peter Warren, Eric Leadbeater, Bill Lloyd, Ed Kennedy, Dale Walker, Ed Crosby, and Sue Skrzypczak.

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Through my eyes

## My first vote

Today is the day. I'm going to vote.

After going to the municipal office and picking up my voter registration the month after I turned 18, taking it home, completing it and returning it to the office, I finally received my first ever voting ballot.

I wasn't at all sure I would get my ballot in time and I had even inquired as to what I should do if I didn't receive it. I found out that I would need to return to the municipal office once again to complete my ballot there, after showing my proof of residence. But here it is, merely two weeks later.

I received an envelope listing the candidates and a signature form to be signed, sealed and returned. I thought this method is nice for those of us, who like me, hate crowds. However this leaves me with some concerns. Will my ballot get counted? Will they receive my ballot? How can I be sure it was received and counted? It almost seems like voting by email would be better, at least I could get a read receipt so I know someone has actually received and viewed my ballot. While the vote by mail ballot system is new to me, I like it over having to go to a big crowded polling place and cast my ballot there.

I am concerned about this voting by mail especially because I am a first-time voter and I don't really know what I should be looking for regarding

the ballot information.

**By Austin McGillion**

When I opened my ballot, I followed the instructions and was about to place it in its yellow envelope when I noticed the ballot I received was for Ward 2 and I knew it should have been Ward 1. If I didn't live in a household where the other voter knew I should be Ward 1, my ballot would have been considered invalid. So once again, off I went to the municipal office on Tuesday morning to complete another ballot. So far this voting by mail hasn't been much of a convenience.

A couple of things I do like about voting by mail is it provides accessibility for those who live in more rural areas, have mobility issues or social anxieties. Another good reason is having the luxury of a quiet location, being able to take your time to think about it and not having to rush your choice.

I have watched some of the livestream debates and feel ready, but unsure of exactly how the results will impact me. I will make the trip to the municipal office, pray that it's quiet and not too crowded, and cast my vote.

I think this is just first-time voter jitters, but perhaps everyone feels the same way. I keep wondering if I am making the right choices.



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Ontario Scholar certificate recipients, left to right (back to front): Robert Carnochan, Jake Ruddell, Stuart Searle, Cole Burk, Nathan Feir, Sam Tyler, Daryl Woodley, Hanna Reddering, Taylor Sands, Alisha Bishop, Jake Bishop, Brayden Frost, Allana Paul, Natasha Bradley, Katie Woudstra, Jillian Hawley, Lisa Kim, Savannah MacAusland and Stephanie Walker. Absent: Mitch Ayres, Tyler Barry, Connor Bird, Charlene Hicks, Mckenzie Hill, Brandon Petry, Cory Proctor, Jamie Pyl, Rishu Shah, Kathleen Tedford, Spencer Trueman, Ryan VanLieshout and Stephanie Walker.



Honours (one year), left to right (back to front): Carson Barnhart, Spencer Trueman, Kirk Lopez, Brailey Clancy, Robyn Albert and Katie Woudstra. Absent: Mitch Ayres, Tyler Barry, Connor Bird, Austin Copeland, Eric Elliot, Oceane Hames and Ryan VanLieshout.



Honours (two years), left to right (back to front): Cole Burk, Stuart Searle, Jake Ruddell, Cassidy Havill, Jacob Sisson and Beth Waugh. Absent: Brandon Petry, Shyanna Smith and Kathleen Tedford.

# Junior highlanders

## Top students recognized at awards ceremony

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Close to 200 cash awards valued at nearly \$43,000 were given to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students at this year's Honours and Awards Ceremony.

Parents, family and friends filled the high school's athletic complex on Oct. 11 to celebrate the academic and personal successes of current students and recent graduates.

Scholarship fund executive member Melissa Stephens recognized the community for their contributions to the many financial awards that were given to deserving students during the morning event.

The program began in 1959 with just one award – The F.D. Herlihey Memorial Scholarship – valued at \$150 that went to the student with the highest overall average in their final year.

"Since then, the program has grown tremendously," said Stephens.

Awards ranged in value from \$25 to \$1,000.

Other presentations included school letters, honour plaques and bars, the Haliburton Highlands Honour Society, Ontario Scholar certificates, and perfect attendance awards.

### 2014 school letters

Charlene Hicks and Daryl Woodley

### Honour plaques and bars

First-class honours for one year: Robyn Albert, Mitch Ayres, Carson Barnhart, Tyler Barry, Connor Bird, Brailey Clancy, Austin Copeland, Eric Elliott, Oceane Hames, Kirk Lopez, Spencer Trueman, Katie Woudstra and Ryan VanLieshout

First-class honours for two years: Cole Burk, Cassidy Havill, Brandon Petry, Jake Ruddell, Stuart Searle, Jacob Sisson, Shyanna Smith, Kathleen Tedford and Beth Waugh

First-class honours for three years: Alisha Bishop, Katarina Coneybeare, Jordan Hamilton, Savannah MacAusland, Dwayne Meharrie, Dellen Meyers, Cory Proctor, Rishu Shah, Mercedes VanMeer and Stephanie Walker

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### Ontario Scholar certificates

The following graduates have earned the



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Honours (three years) left to right, back to front: Savannah MacAusland, Alisha Bishop, Dwayne Meharrie, Stephanie Walker, Mercedes VanMeer and Katarina Coneybeare. Absent: Jordan Hamilton, Dellen Meyers, Cory Proctor and Rishu Shah.

Ontario Scholar certificate by obtaining an 80 per cent average on six approved courses: Mitch Ayres, Tyler Barry, Connor Bird, Alisha Bishop, Natasha Bradley, Cole Burk, Robert Carnochan, Nathan Feir, Brayden Frost, Jillian Hawley, Charlene Hicks, McKenzie Hill, Lisa Kim, Savannah MacAusland, Allan Paul, Brandon Petry, Cory Proctor, Jamie Pyl, Hanna Reddering, Jake Ruddell, Taylor Sands, Stuart Searle,

Rishu Shah, Jacob Sisson, Kathleen Tedford, Spencer Trueman, Sam Tyler, Ryan VanLieshout, Stephanie Walker, Daryl Woodley, and Katie Woodstra.

### Perfect attendance awards

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# Highlander sports

## RM Carpentry Atom A Storm vs Parry Sound Shamrocks

Submitted by Jason Glecoff

After a two hour drive it was time to get with the team and get their "tunacity" on and loosen up. This was a tough game against the Parry Sound Shamrocks on Oct. 10.

The Storm took the lead when a shot from the point from Zander Upton was followed up on by Ben Robinson and finished off by Nick Phippen. A Parry Sound power play goal in the second evened up the score.

The momentum rocked back and forth as these two teams showed the crowd that they were evenly matched and unwilling to yield. With 2:44 left in the third period, Hunter Winder skated behind the opposing net, and made a perfect tape to tape pass to Mash Vargas who buried the puck to take the lead 2-1.

Parry Sound pulled their goalie with 1:26 left in the game and the extra attacker made the difference. This contest ended in a 2-2 tie.

The Storm rolled on to tackle the South Muskoka Bears on Oct. 11.

Missing Eva Smith on defence, the Atom A team on a road trip and unable to have one of their players called up, the remaining three defencemen, Ty Mills, Zander Upton, and Colin Glecoff were in for a busy afternoon.

This affair was scoreless after one, thanks in part to the play of Darian Maddock who came up big and slammed the door on the Bears. But at a little over the midway point of the second period, the Bears took a 1-0 lead. This game had it all, great end-to-end action and back and forth momentum swings, a Storm goal from Glecoff disallowed on a very late off-side call, a five-on-three Storm power play and even a puck stuck in Winder's skate. The Storm suffered a very close, disappointing and heartbreaking 1-0 loss.

This weekend's action was two very exciting games. Fans from both sides, in both arenas, could be heard exclaiming after the game that it was "well worth the price of admission", and after some of the Buds action that I caught this week, I highly recommend that Highland hockey fans skip the NHL and come

out and support the future of the game!

## Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Atom AE

Submitted by Ron Hall

On Oct. 7, Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Atom AE team had their home opener playing the Huntsville Otters. Coming out strong, Kyan Hall scored seven seconds into the game. Battling back and forth, the Otters managed to tie it up.

The Otters came out in the second period pounding our Storm goaltender, but Damon Harriss was on top of his game. The Otters kept coming, managing to get two more quick goals. As the Otters came back in for a rush, Walker Nesbitt lifted the stick of one of their players and passed forward to Hall who scored, giving the assists to Nesbitt and Dylan Keefer.

After a quick talk in the dressing room the Storm were ready for the third period, but the Otters scored two more to make it 5-2. The Storm tried to get back in it with Curtis Mulock's first of the season, unassisted, that brought them closer. But the Otters scored two more goals to make it a 7-3 final.

On Oct. 11, the Storm travelled to Gravenhurst to play the Oro Thunder.

The Storm opened the scoring with a goal by Kaine Brannigan for his first of the season assisted by Evan Armstrong. The thunder tied it up, but with the Storm driving hard to the net with the determination not to give up, Keefer scored his first of the season.

Oro tied it up again and scored one in the second to make the score 3-2 going into the third. The Storm, on a rush by Hall, got the puck in the Thunder end. Mulock put in the rebound, assisted by Hall, making the score 3-3. The Thunder came back to score three more to make the final score 6-3.

## Tom Prentice & Sons Tykes

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

On Oct. 11, the Tom Prentice & Sons Tyke team came out on top in their home opener in Minden.

It was a well-matched team from Stirling,

Ontario who put our Storm team to the test.

It was a team effort by all with strong goaltending by Chase Winder, a hat-trick going to Ty Rupnow, goals by Kadin Card, Connor Byrne, Cheyenne Degeer, and Josh Scheffee. Beautiful assists, passes, and defence played by Wyatt Raposo, Addison Carr, Mark Prentice, Colby Coumbs, and Jace Mills. With fast skating and teamwork while learning to play their positions, the Storm ended the game with a 7-3 win.

We will face off again this Saturday in Stirling, Ont.

## Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE

Submitted by Monica Keefer

The Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE faced off against the Muskoka Rock in Minden on Oct. 11.

The puck dropped at 6:30 p.m., and with teamwork, Chase Burden and Chris Thompson put us on the board early. The Rock soon answered back with a goal to tie it up. The Storm again took the lead with another goal by Tyler Casey and Braden Roberts. Again the Rock answered back.

Second period goal goes to Jonathon Morrison assisted by Roberts, ending the second period 4-3 for the Rock.

The third period showed no mercy. Roberts and Thompson put one in, but again the Rock scored. The final goal goes to Braden Roberts, Nic Thompson and Alex Wilbee, ending the game in a 5-5 tie.

## Canadian Tire Novice

Submitted by Tracey Gilbert

The Canadian Tire Novice's took on Parry Sound in their season home opener on Oct. 11. The game had a slow start with many attempts by the Highland Storm to open the game with the first goal. Unfortunately Parry Sound started the scoring off and we were down by one. The Storm came back strong and tied the score up with a fantastic bar down goal by Graeme Armstrong, assisted by Avery Degeer and Cooper Coles.

## Highland Storm

Apparently this is all that the Storm needed to get them moving. They continued to work hard and play as a team, which resulted in seven more goals from Austin Boylan, Evan Gilbert, and Aiden Parrott, assisted by Nathan Harrison, Cody, Keller, and Logan Tripp. Final score was 8-1 with great goaltending by Taylor Consack.

## Minden Pharmasave Peewee A

Submitted by Jennifer Little

The Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee A team travelled to Bracebridge on Oct. 3 to face off against the Muskoka Bears.

The boys looked fantastic on the ice and really worked together as a team resulting in a 5-3 win. First period goals were scored by Ryan Hall (unassisted), Nigel Smith (assisted by Joe Boice and Hall).

Early into the second period, Boice popped one in (assisted by Zach Morissette).

In the third period, Tyson Clements (assisted by Aaron Bellefleur and Smith) scored the fourth goal quickly followed by Isaac Little (assisted by the defensive line of Benn MacNaull and Hall).

The fun continued on Oct. 5 with the Peewee's home opener against the Huntsville Otters. A hard battle was fought on both sides with Huntsville taking an early lead. The Storm showed their grit with goals in all three periods. Scoring by Boice (assisted by Little and Hall) in the first period, Little (assisted by Clements and Paul Turner) in the second period followed by two goals, first by Braeden Robinson (assisted by defencemen Bellefleur and Little) and to tie the game, a goal by Hall (assisted by MacNaull and Cole Prentice).

The boys headed to Huntsville again on Oct. 10 to meet with the Otters. The Storm fought a valiant fight but still ended up losing 4-3. Goals scored by Morissette (unassisted), Boice (assisted by Clements) and Clements (assisted by Bellefleur).

Special mention to Goalie Ethan Glecoff who was stellar in net during all three games.

Come cheer on the Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team this weekend in Minden for their Home Tournament. Games are at 8 a.m., noon and 4 p.m., all at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

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### Monday afternoon, Oct. 6

#### Men

High average: Ken Thompson – 201  
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#### Women

High average: Chris Cote – 179  
High single: Vicki Ross – 207  
High single handicap: Vicki Ross – 259  
High triple: Chris Cote – 570  
High triple handicap: Chris Cote – 717

### Monday night, Oct. 6

#### Men

High average: Rick West – 221  
High single: Norm Goldenberg – 281  
High single handicap: Norm Goldenberg – 296  
High triple: Connor Cowan – 681  
High triple handicap: Connor Cowan – 753  
Women

High average: Cathy Snell – 218  
High single: Loretto Cummings – 250  
High single handicap: Loretto Cummings – 331  
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### Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 7

#### Men

High average: Ken Thompson – 204  
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High single handicap: Bruce Shephard – 286  
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Clendenning – 311  
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#### Women

Robin Fletcher – 156  
Lisa Burk – 142  
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Thursday, Oct. 9

#### Men

High average: Jim Cummings – 184

High single: Gerry Wagg – 253  
High single handicap: Gerry Wagg – 594

### Friday afternoon, Oct. 10

#### Men

High average: Pat Stiver – 182  
High single: Edith Shirran – 203  
High single handicap: Edith Shirran – 257  
High triple: Pat Stiver – 513  
High triple handicap: Eleanor Lymer – 717

High average: Ken Thompson – 208  
High single: Bruno Campagnolo and Ken Thompson – 226

### Friday afternoon, Oct. 10

#### Women

High average: Ren Higgins – 169  
High single: Beverly Alexander – 215  
High single handicap: Beverley Alexander – 278  
High triple: Chris Cote – 538  
High triple handicap: Barbara Cameron – 706

# Highlander sports

## Storm Bantam win by shutout

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

The Highland Storm Bantam team defeated the Bancroft Jets in a 9-0 shutout at A.J. LaRue Arena on Oct. 10.

The home team's head coach, James Reilly, said the Storm played a well-rounded game.

"They're a good hockey team," said Reilly. "I'm very lucky to have the talent I have to work with."

It can be a challenge to ensure that the team of 14-15-year-olds doesn't become complacent, he said.

"We've got to stay focused and not get bad habits."

He pointed out that the Storm's goaltending has been outstanding, and that there's "a good foundation for developing a good hockey club."

Reilly added that the team will need to focus on the speed of the game going forward.

Goals were scored by the following players: Devyn Prentice (one), Kyle Cooper (two), Lucas Haedicke (two), Nolan Flood (two), Trevor Turner (one) and Nik Dollo (one).

Cooper, who is the team's captain, was satisfied with his performance as well that of his fellow players.

"They were excellent at passing and setting up plays," said Cooper.

Despite the fact that their opponents



Photo by Mark Arike

Trevor Turner looks for the puck in the goal area.

weren't able to get a goal, Cooper praised the Jets' goalie for an excellent game.

Going forward, Cooper wants to make sure he puts all of his effort into the game.

His goal is to lead the Storm to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship.

The Bantam team's current record is 5-1-0. Their next home game is against the South

Muskoka Bears on Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.  
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# TO THE RESCUE: THE FIREFIGHTERS OF HALIBURTON COUNTY

By Lisa Harrison



## Firefighting: a local challenge across the province

The Province of Ontario mandated municipal responsibility for fire prevention, public education and fire protection in 1997. It was the first province in Canada to do so.

Under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 (FPPA), each Ontario municipality must provide public fire safety education and fire prevention programs and other fire protection services "as it determines may be necessary in accordance with its needs and circumstances."

Municipalities and the province's Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) are responsible for ensuring fire safety under the FPPA, which lays out the Fire Marshal's powers and duties and municipalities' responsibilities for local programs and services.

These programs and services include fire suppression services such as firefighting, and inspections to enforce the provincial Fire Code, which may result in ticketing, fining and prosecution.

Additional services are left to the discretion of each municipality according to the needs and circumstances of their communities, and may include emergency medical response,

extrication from vehicles, and fire, water and ice rescue.

Under OFM requirements, municipalities must also ensure that a fire report is completed and submitted to the OFM for every incident.

Fire departments are not mandatory. Instead, municipalities may choose to have a community fire safety officer or team. They may also choose to share their service with one or more other municipalities. Mutual aid (no-cost) and automatic aid (billable) agreements can be arranged with neighbouring communities for additional support as needed.

According to the OFM, 19,219 of the more than 30,000 firefighters in Ontario are volunteers. Only 31 of the province's 457 fire departments are staffed full-time.

All four municipalities in Haliburton County have opted to establish volunteer fire departments to provide necessary fire safety education, fire prevention programs and fire protection services. They have also chosen to provide additional services that include emergency medical response, vehicle

extrication and fire and water rescue.

County municipalities have established mutual and automatic aid agreements with key neighbours in and beyond the county where needed. For example, Dysart et al contracts Highlands East to cover the Harcourt area, while Minden Hills contracts City of Kawartha Lakes to cover the Kinmount/Irondale area.

The OFM monitors service levels in each municipality across the province to ensure adequate levels of fire prevention and protection under the FPPA.

The OFM also helps municipalities maintain these levels by providing advice and assistance in several ways. These include assigning a Fire Protection Advisor to each department who can make recommendations, offer advice and assist with fire safety inspections. OFM engineering and technical staff members assist departments with technical issues and interpretations involving the FPPA and the Fire Code, and can help assess potential need for building closures and provide guidance on the process.

The OFM provides training opportunities

(Ontario Fire College), professional development programs, guidelines, resources, public service announcements, information on product recalls and warnings, and more.

OFM key responsibilities also include administering provincial emergency systems involving fire services, conducting fire investigations and maintaining fire-related statistics.

The FPPA does not regulate every fire service, but it does provide the OFM with the means to regulate services if the Fire Marshal determines a municipality has failed to provide them.

If a municipality has not adhered to the Marshal's recommendations regarding offences and enforcement under the FPPA, or has not taken any measure that in the Marshal's opinion "will remedy or reduce the threat to public safety," the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services may recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that a regulation be made to establish standards and require the municipality to comply with them.

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# TO THE RESCUE: THE FIREFIGHTERS OF HALIBURTON COUNTY

## Stress and PTSD growing problems

Like police officers and emergency services personnel, firefighters continually encounter high-stress situations.

Talking things out with family and friends could relieve stress, but firefighters tend not to bring their work home with them. Debriefing takes place with their peers, the people who have walked a mile in their boots.

"The fire services across North America are a family no matter where you go," says

Algonquin fire chief Mike Cavanagh. "Just being part of the volunteers, [firefighters] create long-lasting friendships with people in the community and in the departments themselves."

When debriefing isn't enough, firefighters can draw on counselling services available to the public. But local chiefs watch for signs of post-traumatic stress and bring in outside professional support whenever needed.

Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan recalls the case of a child killed in an ATV accident. Support was provided to attending firefighters and also to other firefighters who were deeply affected because they had children about that age.

Minden Hills chief Doug Schell remembers "a bad month" years ago when the department brought in professional counsellors because one of the unit's own firefighters had been killed in a car accident.

"I think society as a whole is becoming more aware of mental health and I think that's a good thing," says Cavanagh. "Anything we can do to support that [firefighters' mental health] is a high priority for us."

## Ready for anything

Incident types – how departments prepare – Equipping fire departments and training staff or volunteers to respond effectively to calls and provide other services requires careful preparation.

Firefighters are called to a wide variety of incidents, including structure, brush, grass and chimney fires, motor vehicle collisions (MVCs), medical emergencies, rescues and hazardous materials concerns. They also provide risk assessments, fire safety inspections and public education with respect to fire safety and certain fire prevention components.

The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) advises that every fire department be guided by a master or strategic plan that covers five to 10 years.

"The information contained with the Community Master Fire Protection Plan should provide a clear and concise overview of the most recently adopted organizational goals and objectives, budgetary commitments, mission statements and assessments of organizational activity," said Carol Gravelle, OFMEM public relations officer.

All four of the county's fire departments have developed, at minimum, long-range strategic forecasting plans. Highlands East created a Master Fire Plan (MFP) in 2009 that was received by the municipality's council, and the Algonquin Highlands department is operating under its first MFP, finalized in 2012.

Departments must consider recruitment and retention of volunteers in their plans, especially given the county's rural demographics. For example, Minden Hills pays for automatic aid agreements with municipalities on its borders, but fire chief Doug Schell reports it's a less expensive solution than creating a second fire hall, especially given the difficulty of securing additional volunteers.

Fire departments must establish gear and fleet replacement plans, following applicable standards. For example, according to the Algonquin Highlands MFP, personal protective equipment "must be removed from active service after 10 years, regardless of amount of use". This includes garments, helmets, gloves and footwear.



**File photo**  
Dysart firefighters cut the roof off this car and helped extricate a patient after a crash in May 2013.

Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove notes that outfitting a volunteer can cost up to \$9,000, including the \$5,000 self-contained breathing apparatus (air tank and mask system) and \$500 radio.

Pumper and tanker replacement rates set by fire underwriters require volunteer fire departments to replace each vehicle after 20 years, according to Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan. A new pumper costs approximately \$400,000, he said.

Local departments also purchase and maintain medical and equipment trucks, pickups, ATVs, snowmobiles, boats and trailers, as well as some medical equipment such as automatic defibrillators and back boards to immobilize and transfer patients.

Training and retraining are critical components of any department plan. Firefighter qualification standards have become more stringent with the OFMEM's 2013 decision to switch from Ontario Fire Service Standards to international standards set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Local departments all provide standard

legislated training on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, and Algonquin Highlands has its own Chief Training Officer (30 hours per week).

Local firefighters also attend classes at the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst, the Eastern Ontario Fire Academy in Norwood, and courses through the Red Cross and/or St. John's Ambulance. Local department policies vary as to whether some of these courses are required and whether the department will cover costs.

When it comes to financial planning for all of these items, local fire departments set overall expenditures of between \$330,000 and \$560,000 annually after revenues such as permit fees and automatic aid agreements. The wide range reflects such differences as the number of stations and volunteers for which equipment and gear must be purchased.

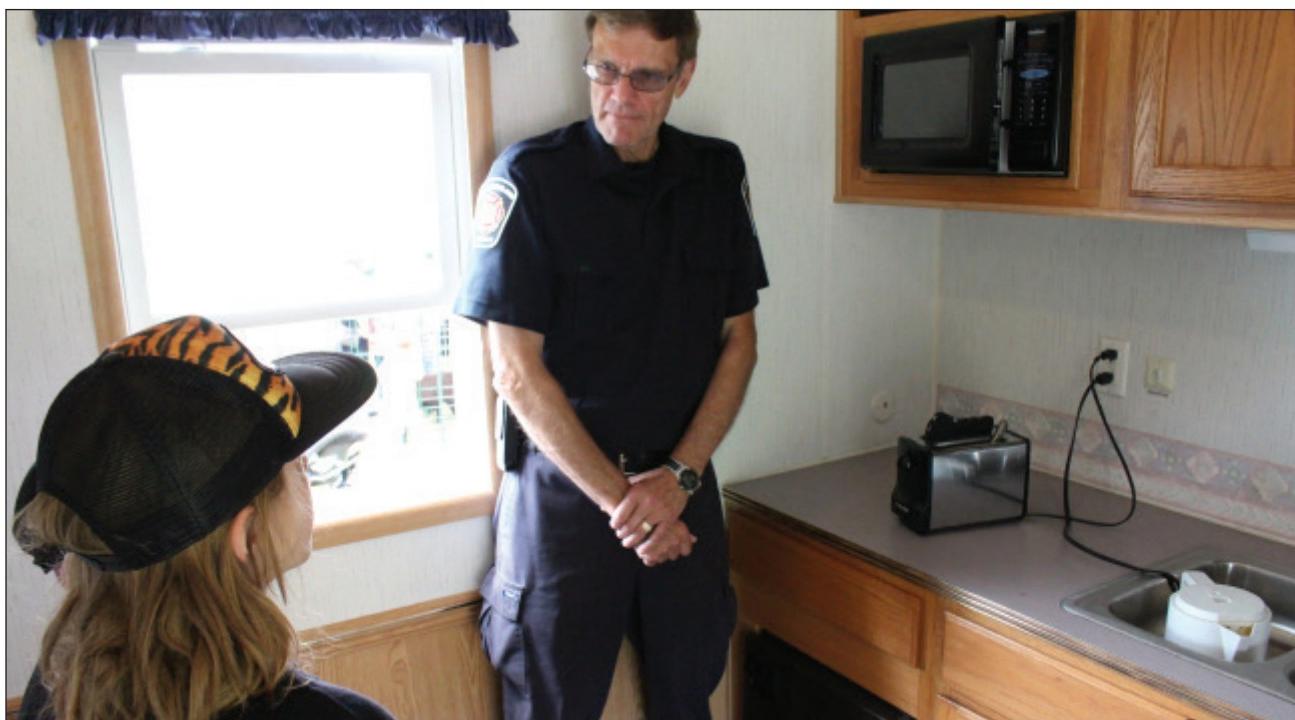
Fundraising by the fire department associations has provided as much as \$60,000 in a given year for department purchases, but these donations are not planned.



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Algonquin Highlands firefighter Craig Worsfold walks a group of kids through the department's fire awareness trailer.

## Public vital in fire prevention

Talk to any Haliburton County fire chief and you'll quickly learn how important public education is to firefighters.

Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove points to an overnight fire in East Gwillimbury this summer as an example of an instance in which public awareness could have saved lives. The main floor did not have a smoke alarm and by the time the second floor alarm sounded, it was too late for the family to escape.

"I get so upset," says Wingrove. "This is 2014. Nobody should have to be stuck in a fire."

The use of smoke alarms and home fire escape plans is the main public education focus of fire departments.

"There have been 50 people in Ontario that have died in fires this year," says Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh.

"It is important we protect ourselves and our families. We know that in a fire you only have a few minutes to get out. By the time the fire department arrives the fire may be too large for the firefighters to enter so we must all be vigilant about our own safety."

According to the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM), smoke alarms can increase a person's chance of surviving a fire by up to 50 per cent. Fires can spread so quickly that residents may have less than 60 seconds to safely escape.

Under Ontario law, working smoke alarms must be located on every storey and outside all sleeping areas in every home, cottage, cabin and seasonal home. Failure to install or maintain a smoke alarm can result in a \$235 ticket or a charge under Ontario's Fire Code.

The OFM recommends homeowners test smoke alarms monthly, change the alarm batteries annually and replace alarms after 10 years.

The OFM also recommends homeowners develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

"A good home escape plan will have two ways out of every room and a meeting place outside," says Cavanagh. "For younger children or the elderly who need help escaping, the plan should have assignments for who will help which member so that everyone can escape

quickly."

"Families should hold fire drills in the home to practice the different ways out so they can remember easily at night."

The OFM reminds residents to leave the building before calling 9-1-1 and never re-enter a burning building.

Local fire departments are diligent about providing smoke alarm education and services. For example, Highlands East is among those providing free smoke alarms for those who can't afford them, and firefighters will help install alarms for seniors who can't climb a ladder.

Wingrove estimates the Highland East fire department spends up to \$2,500 annually on smoke alarms.

The province held its annual Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 5 to 11. This year's theme was Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!

For more information on fire prevention and safety, including tips for cottagers, contact your local fire department or visit ofm.gov.on.ca or safeathome.ca.



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Dysart et al

2014 BUDGET:

**\$409,140\***

SERVICE AREA:

**1,400 KM<sup>2</sup>**

MASTER FIRE PLAN: **NO\*\***

STATIONS: **1**

Haliburton

TRAINING NIGHTS: **4 /MONTH**

Monday evenings. Includes CPR, first aid, shore-based water rescue, NFPA Firefighter 1

MAIN FUNDRAISERS: **3**

Poker run  
Car wash at the home show  
Beef on a bun at Midnight Madness

## EQUIPMENT:

Pumpers/tankers:

Medical units:

Support units:

Boats:

Utility vehicles:

Jaws of Life:

Defibrillators:

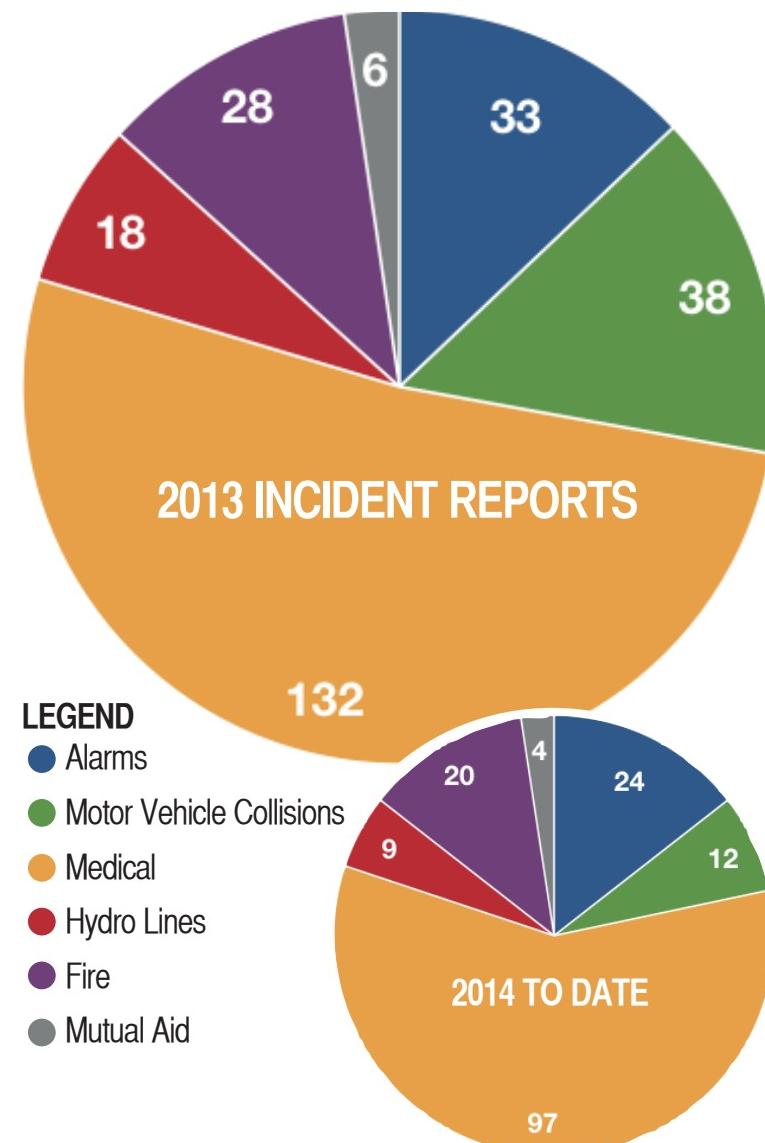
SALARIED PERSONNEL: **1**

Chief

VOLUNTEERS: **26**

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP: **5**

One deputy chief  
Four captains



\* This figure reflects the total expense of operating the department and does not reflect revenues that offset this cost.

\*\* Chief updates equipment forecasts annually.



2014 BUDGET:

**\$639,090\***

SERVICE AREA:

**480 KM<sup>2</sup>**

MASTER FIRE PLAN: **NO\*\***

STATIONS: **1**

Minden

TRAINING NIGHTS: **2 /MONTH**

Every second Tuesday. Includes CPR, first aid, shore-based water rescue, in-water and ice water rescue.

MAIN FUNDRAISERS: **3**

Ice fishing derby  
Beef on a bun at Canada Day  
Lawn tractor raffle

## EQUIPMENT:

Pumpers/tankers:

Medical units: N/A

Support units:

Boats:

Utility vehicles:

Jaws of Life:

Defibrillators:

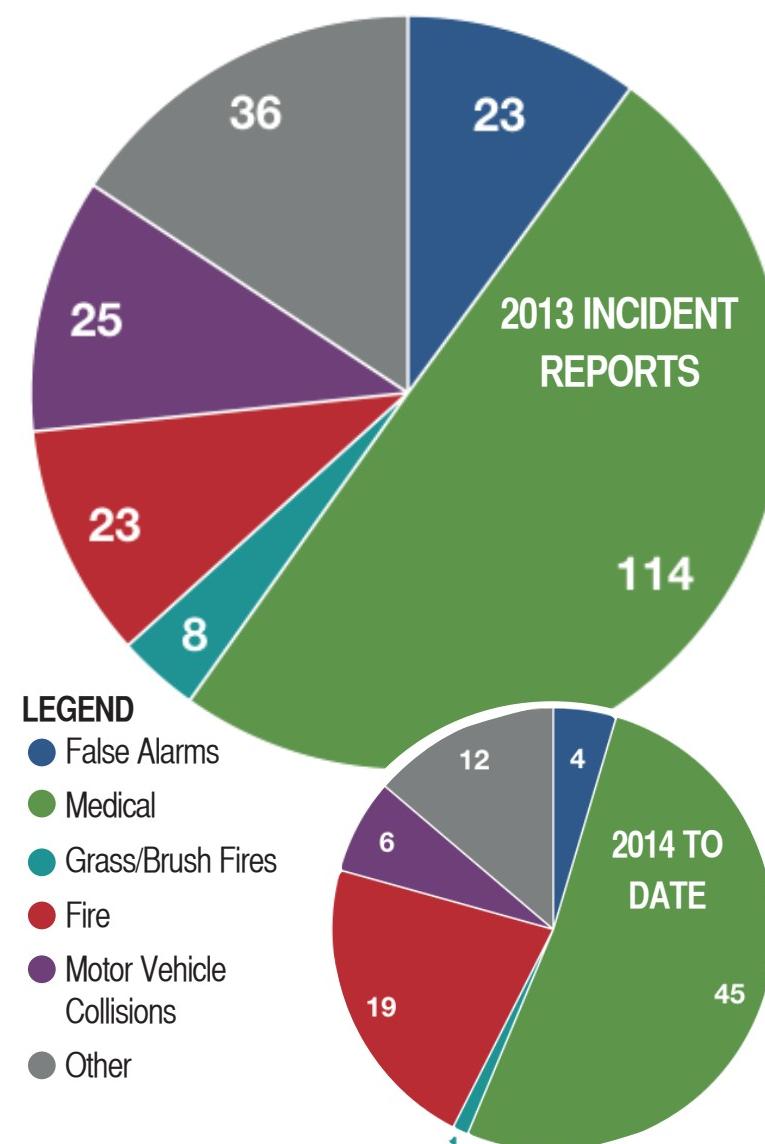
SALARIED PERSONNEL: **1**

Chief

VOLUNTEERS: **26**

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP: **4**

One deputy chief  
Three captains



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\*\* Chief completes a 10- and 20-year equipment forecast.

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**2014 BUDGET:**  
**\$810,237\***

**SERVICE AREA:**  
**1,002 KM<sup>2</sup>**

**MASTER FIRE PLAN:** **YES**

**STATIONS:** **3**

Dorset  
Stanhope  
Oxtongue Lake

**TRAINING NIGHTS:** **12 /MONTH**  
Monday evenings (Stanhope), Tuesday evenings (Dorset), Wednesday evenings (Oxtongue Lake)  
Includes health & safety, WHMIS, CPR, first aid, emergency first responder.

**MAIN FUNDRAISERS:** **2**  
Stanhope Triathlon  
ATV Run

## EQUIPMENT:

Pumpers/tankers:

Medical units:

Support units:

Boats:

Utility vehicles:

Jaws of Life:

Defibrillators:

## SALARIED PERSONNEL: **2**

Chief

Training officer, part-time

## VOLUNTEERS: **58**

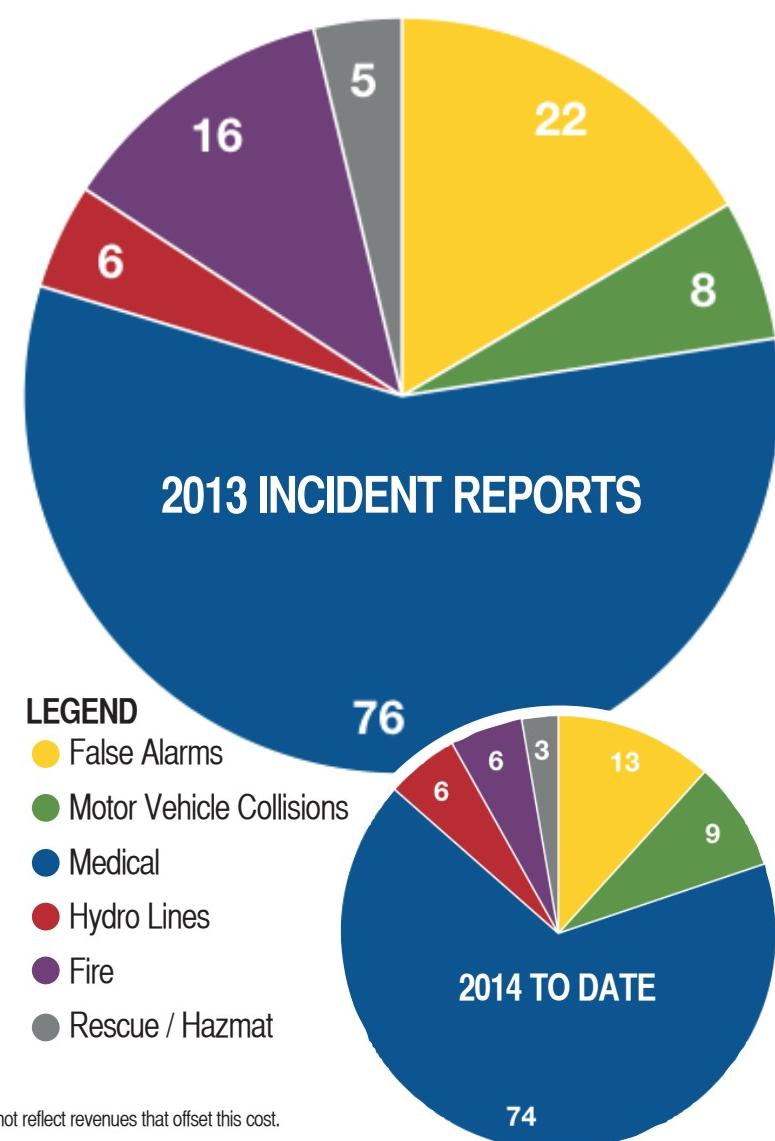
## VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP: **16**

Three district chiefs

Nine captains

Four acting captains

\* This figure reflects the total expense of operating the department and does not reflect revenues that offset this cost.



**2014 BUDGET:**  
**\$482,845\***

**SERVICE AREA:**  
**1,000 KM<sup>2</sup>**

**MASTER FIRE PLAN:** **YES\*\***

**STATIONS:** **5**

Cardiff  
Highland Grove  
Gooderham  
Wilberforce  
Paudash Lake

**TRAINING NIGHTS:** **4 /MONTH**  
Monday evenings. Includes first aid, CPR, emergency first responder, DZ driver training

**MAIN FUNDRAISERS:** **3**  
Boot drives  
Barbecues  
Community events

## EQUIPMENT:

Pumpers/tankers:

Medical units:

Support units: N/A

Boats:

Utility vehicles:

Jaws of Life:

Defibrillators:

## SALARIED PERSONNEL: **1**

Chief

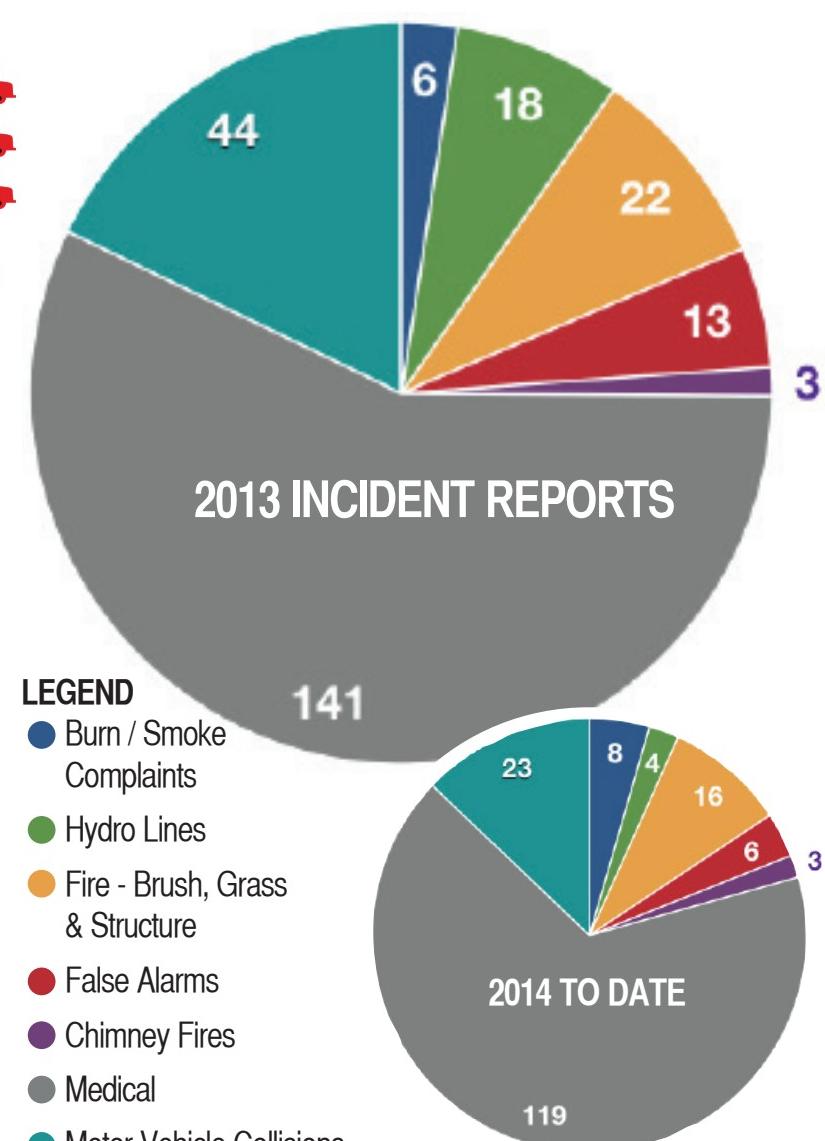
## VOLUNTEERS: **55**

## VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP: **15**

Five district chiefs

Ten captains

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# TO THE RESCUE: THE FIREFIGHTERS OF HALIBURTON COUNTY

## Meet your emergency volunteers

At the age of 21, Aliceson Dooley joined the Highlands East volunteer fire department to give back to her community. She got more than she bargained for.

Now 27, Dooley is commander of Wilberforce Station 4. During the past six years she has risen through the ranks from a new recruit to the youngest-ever female Highlands East captain to station commander, which is similar to the district chief position in other departments.

The experience of becoming a volunteer firefighter "was better than I anticipated," says Dooley, who works at a veterinary clinic.

"It's a tight-knit group. It's like a second family. We support one another and we actually give back more to the community than I anticipated."

Mike Iles, service manager at Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd., joined the Dysart et al fire department for the same reason. Now a 20-year veteran with the department, Iles grew up witnessing the fire services life close-up as his father served on the department for many years.

"I enjoy the camaraderie and I enjoy being able to support the community," says Iles.

The fire services are "a brother/sisterhood," says Doug Schell, chief for the Minden Hills department.

"We do rely on each other, because running

into a burning home you want to be happy with the person you're going in with [and] know you can rely on them."

"I know a lot of the guys, and I don't think I could do it," says Gary Burtch of G.J. Burtch Construction, who has had a Dysart volunteer firefighter on staff for more than 15 years.

"You can imagine yourself, at 2:30 or 3:30 in the afternoon on Sunday, it's a sunny day, you're with your family getting ready for a barbecue and you get a call," says Burtch. "It's also the wives that have to put up with this, too. They put up with them coming back afterwards, after a bad one."

Being a firefighter means a lifestyle change even in small areas of life.

"Because there's nobody at the hall [contrary to full-time departments], we have some tricks up our sleeves," says Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove.

"A lot of firefighters will sleep with their shorts and socks on, and their boots are right at the bottom of the bed. You can always tell a volunteer because the car is backed into the driveway."

This life-changing service has become increasingly attractive to women. According to Dooley, Wilberforce Station 4 currently has a larger number of female firefighters on active duty than male firefighters (nine versus seven; this excludes firefighters on leave).



Photo by Mark Arike

Minden Hills firefighters Joel Parker, Ashley Proctor, and Shain Duda.

"I honestly don't think being a female in the fire department is different from being a male in the fire department," says Dooley. "Women can do just as good of a job as any man. We're all equals, for sure. It doesn't hinder us any at Station 4."

"That being said, are there people out there who think women shouldn't be in the fire service? Certainly. Are there still some that are in the fire service who feel that way? There are. But I think that they're a fading generation. We welcome everyone. It doesn't

affect us in any way."

Would she recommend joining the fire services? Dooley answers cautiously.

"I think that it takes a certain person to do our job, and I welcome anyone to try it, but is it meant for everyone? No. It's a very big commitment and a lot of people don't realize that until after they join."

As for Dooley, she says firefighting is in her blood now.

"I wouldn't give it up for the world."

## Firefighters depend on their community's support

You may have donated to your local volunteer firefighter association's Boot Drive. Perhaps you've given them a cheque in appreciation for a home rescued or a life saved. Maybe you're a business owner who allows volunteer firefighters on your staff to respond to calls whenever possible.

Whatever your experience, you've contributed to a crucial aspect of volunteer firefighting services: community support.

Each year Highlands residents and visitors help our fire services raise thousands of dollars to purchase firefighting equipment and vehicles to help increase their response times and service abilities.

They also receive donations from grateful community members for services from fire safety presentations to rescues.

Over the past few years alone, local fire department associations have helped purchase

a variety of items including an enclosed ATV trailer that can also serve as a remote shelter and command post (Algonquin Highlands), three Jaws of Life sets (Highlands East), stabilizers and air bags (Dysart et al), and an inflatable raft for ice-water training (Minden Hills).

While the majority of funds go toward purchases, at least one association makes occasional small donations back into the community to organizations such as the local children's breakfast club.

Our local communities give back to firefighters in less tangible ways as well.

"Once a volunteer gets a rapport with people they'll help you out with anything you need," says Miles Maughan, Dysart et al fire chief.

"It's been a good way to get some of the community together," says Robert Sargent,

president of the Stanhope Firefighters Association in Algonquin Highlands. Stanhope operates an annual triathlon, and Sargent says they couldn't do it without community volunteers.

When it comes to business support, all four departments report most local businesses rally around their firefighter employees.

"Most of them have been quite flexible," says Maughan. "Some [businesses] have limited absence in the summertime because they just can't afford to have them gone, but most of them, they work it out among themselves...We do encourage them to have that discussion before they join the fire department so that they are aware of it. You couldn't operate without that assistance."

Mike Iles agrees. He sees volunteer firefighting from both sides, having managed volunteers as service manager at Curry

Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. and having served as a volunteer himself for 20 years, currently as a captain for the Dysart et al department.

"It's a very integral and important part of our community. Without business support our department wouldn't [survive]," says Iles.

"I don't know how they do it, to be quite honest," says Gary Burtch of G.J. Burtch Construction Enterprises Ltd.

Burtch knows many of the volunteer firefighters in the Dysart et al department and has had a volunteer on his staff for more than 15 years. He thinks volunteer firefighters are a different breed.

"As far as the support, we need to," says Burtch. "They're the only [firefighters] we have, so I don't have a problem with them missing some time because of a fire or an accident."

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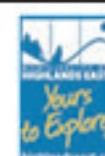
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## Request for Proposals

### Energy Efficiency Upgrades

Municipal Office & Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre

Design/Build RFP#: PRP-2014-01

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the undersigned until:

2:00 PM Local Time on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

The project includes design, engineering, and construction of energy-efficiency upgrades/replacements to the Municipality's Municipal Office and Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre Complex in Wilberforce, Ontario, approximately 10,000SF in size. Building upgrades include replacement of existing heating, ventilation, and cooling (HVAC) systems on the municipal office portion of the building only. The replacement of the existing flat roof portion of the building complex and upgrading of the electrical service and emergency lighting will also be included in the scope of the work.

Contract documents in electronic format may be obtained from the Municipal website (<http://www.highlandseast.ca>) or a hard copy may be obtained from the Municipal Office in Wilberforce.

A mandatory site meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am local time, Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014 at the project location in Wilberforce, Ontario.

A proposal deposit of 10% of the proposal value, payable to the Municipality of Highlands East, is required with each submission. Surety for 100% of the proposal amount must be in effect by the awarded Proponent prior to contract execution.

The lowest or any proposal shall not necessarily be accepted.

Any questions regarding this project shall be made in writing to the Consultant, Evergreen Energy Solutions, via email: [solutions@evergreen-energy.ca](mailto:solutions@evergreen-energy.ca).

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### Haliburton Highlands Health Services Now Seeking Members for New Community Advisory Committee – Involving Community for Best Health Experience

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is seeking community-minded individuals interested in serving on a new 12-14 member Community Advisory Committee responsible for providing advice and insight to its Board of Directors on the delivery and future planning of community support services in Haliburton County. The Advisory Committee will also provide linkages to the community on trends and issues related to the community services.

Key functions of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will include providing advice on:

- Needs of community services clients
- The unique and diverse needs of the Haliburton community
- Further opportunities for partnership and collaboration
- Best approaches for communicating with the community
- Feedback on the delivery of community services and future planning for services

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a member of the new Community Advisory Committee, then we would like to hear from you by October 31, 2014. Please forward a letter of interest indicating why you would like to be a member of the CAC and what you would contribute to the group. The Community Advisory Committee members will begin to meet in November 2014.

For further information please contact: Varouj Eskedjian ([veskedjian@hhhs.on.ca](mailto:veskedjian@hhhs.on.ca), (705) 457-2527).

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), Community Care Haliburton County (CCHC), Supportive Initiatives for Residents of the County of Haliburton (SIRCH) and the Victorian Order of Nurses – Ontario Branch (VON) have worked together to support the transfer of Community Support Services, Community Hospice Services and Adult Day Programs/Foot Care Coordination to HHHS on September 30, 2014.

With the transfer of these community support services, Haliburton Highlands Health Services will continue to grow as a Local Health Hub, now with three divisions: Hospital Services, Long-Term Care Services and Community Services. Across these divisions, Haliburton Highlands Health Services will connect people to a continuum of health services, from acute care to community care, including mental health and addictions services, to long-term care and to end-of-life care, to best meet the current and future health needs of Haliburton County residents.

Effective October 1, 2014, the Community Support Services Division of HHHS will provide Community Support Services, Community Hospice Services, Adult Day Programs, Supportive Housing Services and Foot Care Coordination to the Haliburton Highlands Community. The Community Advisory Committee will help ensure the delivery of these services continues to be tailored to the needs of our community.

## THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

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### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING DATE: Monday, October 27, 2014  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
HEARING LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers  
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P.13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A27/2014: Part Lot 21, Concession 1 (Anson), 1506 Tennyson Road – Bob Lake

Purpose: To permit the expansion of an existing dwelling located within the front yard setback. The subject property is currently occupied by a dwelling with an attached deck and having a setback from the high water mark of 6.7 metres. The existing dwelling has a ground floor area of 1,609 ft<sup>2</sup> and the proposed dwelling will have a total floor area 2,461 ft<sup>2</sup>. The applicant therefore requires relief from Section 4.7.4 (v) of the Zoning By-law, which restricts the expansion of an existing dwelling within the shoreline setback to 25% of the existing ground floor area. In this case, the expansion would result in an increase in ground floor area of 53%. It is noted the addition would maintain the existing setback from the high water mark of 6.4 metres.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the Committee's decision will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed a written request for notice of the decision with the Secretary-Treasurer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the meeting at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2014

Ian Clendening  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Committee of Adjustment

# Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Brad Plewes performs at the Heritage Cafe. Above: Ryan Dawson, right, recites a verse as Greg Luck backs him up on bass.

## Kick-off concert at Heritage Café

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

A party was held at the Heritage Cafe in Haliburton on Oct. 10 to celebrate new management at the local establishment.

The event included live performances from Jerry Queen (Spencer Devolin, Jerry Hutchings, Dan Langpohl and Keith Burley), Luke Robinson and Brad Plewes, and Dark is Our Danger (Ryan Dawson, Cedric Butz and Greg Luck).



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

## Turkey shoot draws 50 contestants

**By Matthew Desrosiers**  
Editor

The conditions were perfect for shooting turkeys – paper turkeys, that is.

On Oct. 11, close to 50 people attended the annual Wilberforce Legion turkey shoot and took aim to win real birds for their Thanksgiving dinners. The paper-hunters shot 12-gauge and 410 shotguns across a field. The shooter with the most pellets on target took home a turkey.

Eighteen birds were handed out over 18 rounds of shooting. Pies were also won in the competition.

Legion member Jan Simon thanked volunteers Carol Winger, Cathy Levia, Bob Elliott and Bill Elliott for their assistance, as well as a special thanks to Al and Cindy Hall for the use of Popcorn Pond, and Cynthia Goodison for cooking the chili.

She said the day was a great success.

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# What's on



Photo submitted by Markham Street Films

HIFF has Big News from Grand Rock.

## Big news from the least likeliest places

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

Imagine a small town newspaper that makes up its stories in order to avoid bankruptcy.

Well, that's just how desperate Leonard Crane, the editor of The Grand Rock Weekly Ledger, becomes in the old-fashioned feature comedy "Big News from Grand Rock."

With three community newspapers in the Haliburton Highlands, it's somewhat fitting that the 2014 production will be one of seven feature films at this year's Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF). The 87-minute-long comedy, written and directed by Daniel Perlmutter, will be screened on Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Special guests involved with the film will be in attendance for a question and answer session.

"It's a kind of boy who cried wolf story, which is such a great classic construct," said Michael McNamara of Markham Street Films.

A producer of documentaries and feature films for the past 25 years, McNamara co-produced Big News from Grand Rock with his partner, Judy Holm.

The two first learned about the project through Perlmutter's sister, Laura, who worked for them as an associate producer.

"She introduced us to him and brought us the script," said McNamara. "We liked it and liked him."

Perlmutter's screenplay was accepted into the Canadian Film Centre's Comedy Boot Camp at Just For Laughs and the Telefilm Canada Features Comedy Lab. He then received mentorship through the program

from film star Eugene Levy.

"That helped Daniel get to the next stage with the screenplay, and really helped Judy and I really refine how we were going to package and get this all made," said McNamara.

In order to give the film a true small-town feel, the producers wanted to shoot in a location that would offer that setting. This, however, would be costlier than shooting in the Toronto area, so a fundraising campaign was launched on the crowdfunding site Indiegogo to make up the difference. Several perks were included at different donation increments, which gave donors the opportunity to participate in a variety of roles behind the scenes.

The campaign raised \$50,000 in one month, making it possible for the cast and crew to shoot the film in Midland, a town located on Georgian Bay. Filming took place last year and wrapped up after 24 days.

"The town welcomed us with open arms, and were really wonderful, positive and supportive," he said.

McNamara fondly looks back on the experience he had with the cast and crew.

"It was a great crew, great cast and everybody really had fun doing it," he said.

In the film, the editor (Ennis Esmer) of the small town paper begins inventing stories based on old movies he rents from the video store. The plan works until one of the stories attracts the attention of Lucy (Meredith MacNeill), a big city reporter who exposes his hoax. In an ironic twist, Crane discovers one of his stories may be true. He then must team up with Lucy to try to save the town, the newspaper and his reputation.

The film, which McNamara says is suitable for audiences of all ages, made its debut on Sept. 18 at the Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival. It has since appeared at the Calgary International Film Festival and the Grand River Film Festival in Cambridge.

McNamara is looking forward to showing the film at HIFF. In August, he was working on a documentary about magician Scott Hammell at Camp White Pine. Hammell is one of several magicians who works with kids at the camp as a counsellor.

"I was up there shooting and I thought it was beautiful," he said.

While in the Highlands, he ran into some of the organizers of the local festival and was invited to bring Big News From Grand Rock to the area.

On Nov. 8, either McNamara or Holm, along with one of the actors, will be attendance to chat with moviegoers about the film.

To purchase a ticket for the event or to get a season pass call 705-286-3696 or 705-286-3226.

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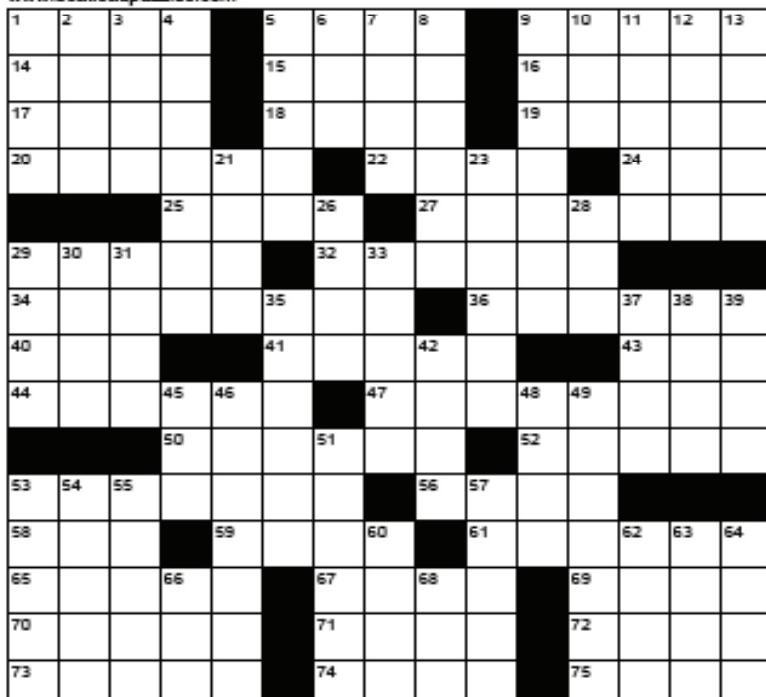
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5. Aria singer
9. Diamond weight
14. Beasts of burden
15. Demonic
16. Decrease
17. Level
18. Yard units
19. Praline nut
20. Calcutta's Mother \_\_\_\_\_
22. \_\_\_\_\_ Moore of "Indecent Proposal"
24. Overhead trains
25. Pinup \_\_\_\_\_ Hayworth
27. Person on a pension
29. Boundary
32. Preacher
34. Painted
36. Makes happy
40. Biol., e.g.
41. Boise's state
43. Before, to Browning
44. Western bar
47. Corsage flower
50. Adjusted beforehand
52. Peruvian range
53. Soup cracker
56. Misters
58. Dessert choice
59. Norwegian city
61. Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Richards
65. Perfect
67. Painter Salvador \_\_\_\_\_
69. Boric \_\_\_\_\_
70. Boldness
71. Cleveland's locale
72. Tear apart
73. Double curves
74. Mongrel
75. Fidgety

## DOWN

1. Lenient
2. Car part
3. Bring up
4. Meantime
5. Trim meat
6. Common contraction
7. Contended
8. Changes
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Hill (Congress locale)
10. Honest \_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln
11. Marathon runner
12. Start of a Dickens title (2 wds.)
13. Keyed up
21. Locale
23. Falling star
26. Impersonated
28. Fin. fund
29. Smaller amount
30. Machu Picchu dweller
31. Send a letter
33. Traditional saying
35. Bedding
37. Watch over
38. Pennsylvania port
39. Oceans
42. Bonnets
45. Choose
46. Baltimore baseball team
48. Risk
49. Catch
51. Not often
53. Backbone
54. Helpers
55. Malicious looks
57. Blockhead
60. Honolulu's island
62. Chilled
63. Croon
64. Whirlpool
66. Blvd.
68. Ignited

OCTOBER 2014 EVENTS			
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Crafty Girls Night at the Art Hive, 7-9 p.m. Haliburton Stroke Support Group, Fireside Lounge in Hyland Crest, Minden at 10 a.m. Call Lois at 705-286-1765 CFUW guest speaker, Barrie Martin, Fleming College, 7 p.m.	Haliburton County Farmers Market, Carnarvon, noon to 1 p.m. Abbey Gardens Fall Festival 12 - 4 p.m.	The Nature of Glass by John Jackson, Art Hive	Pianist Mauro Bertoli in concert, Haliburton Concert Series, 7:30 p.m. Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 705-457-3272
16	17	18	19
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Minden Al-Anon Family Group, meet every Monday at 8 p.m., Hyland Crest 6 McPherson St, Minden Painting time with Harvey Walker, 7-9 p.m., Agnes Jamieson Gallery, \$5 HHSS Field Hockey, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. vs. Holy Cross at the high school	HHSS Rugby, 3 p.m. vs. IEW at the high school Dorset quilters and needleworkers, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Dorset Recreation Centre, \$1 Haliburton Highlands handweavers and spinners open studios, every Tuesday 1-4 p.m., Zion United Church	Table Tennis Club, 1-4 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre, Wednesdays Club 35 ballroom and salsa dance classes, 4-8 p.m., 705-766-9968 on Wednesdays	Pickleball, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, 7-9:30 p.m., 705-457-9808 on Thursdays
20	21	22	23
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Minden Hills family Halloween party, 7-9 p.m. at the community centre. Games, snacks, and prizes. Contest for best individual and family costume, \$1.	Terror on Wonderland Road, Halloween haunt and food drive, 1280 Wonderland Road Show starts at 4 p.m. and goes until the last man is standing. Canadian Blues Legends presents Harpdog Brown at the Dominion Hotel, 8:30 p.m.	Table Tennis Club, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre on Mondays	Minden Al-Anon Family Group, meet every Monday at 8 p.m., Hyland Crest 6 McPherson St, Minden Table Tennis Club, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre on Mondays
24	25	26	27
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION OCT 16 - OCT 22, 2014			
Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month Gord Kidd and Friends, Oct. 18 4-7 p.m.	Minden Branch Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	

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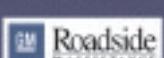


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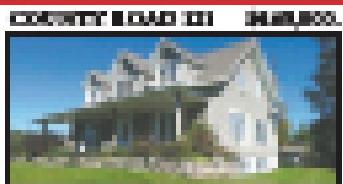
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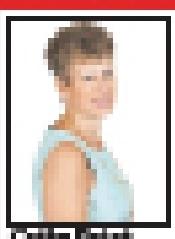


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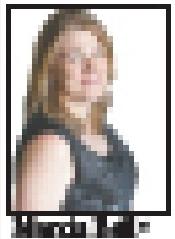


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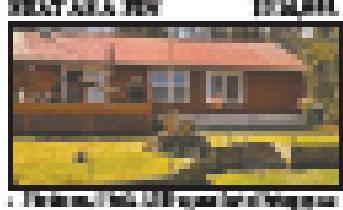
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